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THERON ORSEMUS LOOMIS
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and
MARY EMMA SQUIRE
1854-1948
OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP (WAYNE
COUNTY), AND CARBONDALE
(LACKAWANNA COUNTY), PA.

From the Editors:

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA was created for one purpose: To record and disseminate a comprehensive portrait of Northeastern Pennsylvania--past and present.

To that end, some issues of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA will focus on particular political or administrative areas (e.g., villages, townships, cities), natural features (e.g., lakes, rivers, mountains), institutions, arts, industries, or man-made phenomena of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Other issues will focus on not only prominent but also representative citizens, families, and family groups from Northeastern Pennsylvania. That being the case, all of the issues of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA will constitute, therefore, a comprehensive portrait of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

In preparing this issue--the first--of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA we have made (and in preparing all future issues will make) every effort to present accurate information in a highly readable form. If in reading this issue or any future issue of this chronicle you discover information that is inaccurate, we welcome your telling us of our error. Similarly, if you have suggestions as to persons or topics that should be featured in future issues of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, or if you know of persons who are important sources of information about Northeastern Pennsylvania (perhaps you are an important source of information about Northeastern Pennsylvania), we would very much like to hear from you.

The present issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA is a portrait of Theron Orsemus Loomis and Mary Emma Squire of Clinton Township (Wayne County), and Carbondale (Lackawanna County), Pennsylvania.

We have chosen to present the lives of Theron Orsemus Loomis and Mary Emma Squire in NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, not because their lives are so unlike the lives of their contemporaries, rather because Theron Orsemus Loomis and Mary Emma Squire are good examples of representative citizens of Northeastern Pennsylvania who came of age in rural America in the 1870s and 1880s.

Silas Robert Powell
Donald Walter Powell



Theron Orsemus Loomis



Mary Emma Squire

Theron Orsemus Loomis in the Period 1848-1880

The Loomis family into which Theron Orsemus Loomis was born on February 25, 1848, in Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, traces its line in America to Joseph Loomis, a woolen-draper from Braintree, Essex, England, who, together with his wife, Mary, and their five sons and three daughters, sailed for America from London on April 11, 1638 on the ship "Susan and Ellen" and arrived in Boston on July 17, 1638, and settled in Windsor, Connecticut in 1639.¹ In the year of his birth, the parents of Theron Loomis, Hiram Pease Loomis (b. 12-09-1819, d. 08-27-1900, see photo on p. 4) and Laura Griswold (b. 07-07-1826, d. 03-?-1924, see photo on p. 4),² purchased the 40-acre farm in Clinton Township where their three other children (Oliver Grove, b. 08-16-1857, d. 04-23-1862; Helen Annette, b. 02-21-1860, d. 11-17-1860; Francis Earl, b. 12-17-1861, d. 09-30-1921) were born, and where Theron and his brother, Francis Earl,³ were raised (see "A" on the map on p. 3). In the mid-1860s--probably in 1864--the Hiram Loomis family moved from Clinton Township to Felton, Delaware, where Hiram Loomis engaged in merchandising for three years.⁴ In 1867, the Hiram Loomis family returned to Pennsylvania, passing one and one-half years in Carbondale, before taking up residence in Aldenville, Wayne County, most probably in the Summer or Fall of 1869.

A great deal about Theron Loomis' early years is not known. It is known, however, that during his youth--in Clinton Township and in Felton, Delaware--he received a good education and that he subsequently furthered the education he received at home and in the public schools by attending the Delaware Literary Institute,⁵ Franklin, New York, which he attended for one and possibly two years. As a student, Theron Loomis was attracted to and excelled in--among other subjects--mathematics.

In 1869, Theron Loomis was confined to his bed for six months with inflammatory rheumatism. In a journal that Edna Pearl Loomis, our subject's younger daughter, kept in 1967, she wrote, on February 25, the following: "When Father was twenty-one, he had inflammatory rheumatism and [was] bed-ridden for six months. Father was, as were all our people, Baptist. One of the deacons of the Clinton Baptist Church (see "B" on the map on p. 3) came, usually on horse-back, each day during the most critical periods of father's illness and turned father over. No one else seemed so careful and so efficient. The deacon stood at the side of the bed, held the bottom sheet and carefully moved the sheet so that father was turned over. My father always spoke of this man with deep respect, almost reverence. That bout of sickness resulted in father's having considerable rheumatism always."

When Theron Loomis was 22, he established a home of his own. During the Fall and Winter of 1870-1871--while living in his parents' house in Aldenville, and helping out in the Loomis store in that place--Theron Loomis repaired and fitted out a house on the Loomis property⁶ (see photos of Theron Loomis house on p. 2; see "C" on map on p. 3) in Clinton Township. In his diary for 1871, Theron Loomis noted that he made new shingles for and repaired the roof of that house, whitewashed its interior, installed a new floor in the kitchen, put in a new chimney and a new set of steps at the entrance, and, with the help of W. Rude, plastered the sitting room. On April 19, 1871, the house was declared ready,⁷ and our subject moved in. On the following day, his father's brother, Erastus W. Loomis (see photo on p. 4), moved in with his nephew and addressed himself to the in-house chores, allowing Theron Loomis to direct his full energies to the running of the farm. From the diary that Theron Loomis kept in 1871, we know that he planted, among others, the following crops: potatoes, oats, corn, wheat, buckwheat, and onions. From that same diary we know that he maintained an extensive apple orchard,⁸ and that he had, in addition, a herd of cattle, a flock of chickens, several horses, and some pigs.

In running the farm, Theron Loomis was helped, particularly in the Spring and Fall of the year, by family, friends, and neighbors. In his diary for 1871, our subject acknowledges having been helped in many ways and on numerous occasions by his father, mother, and brother. In addition, in that same year, for example, Mr. Lee, Henry Lee, Allie Lee, and John Wright helped Theron Loomis reap his wheat, Mr. Rude and the Lees helped him not only with the haying but also with the harvesting of his oats. In return, Theron Loomis, in 1871--as we learn from his diary for that year--helped the Tingleys and the Snedekers cultivate their corn, the Howards dig their potatoes, Mr. Rude take in his hay, Nathan Griswold (our subject's mother's brother--see photo on p. 4) harrow in his oats, Perry Saunders peel bark, Mr. Lee burn fallow, and participated in at least two barn raisings--one at the Peck farm and one at the Saunders farm.

When his day's labors were accomplished, Theron Loomis frequently enjoyed the company not only of his parents and many relatives in Clinton Township--his visits to the homes of his Uncles Nathan and Homer Griswold were frequent--but also of his many friends, among whom were Will Norton, Will Peck, Viola Hopkins, Jasper Peck, Perry Saunders, Lizzie Curtis, Ellen Curtis, Frank Curtis. In a journal that Edna Pearl Loomis kept in 1967, she wrote, on February 25, the following: "As a young man, my father was popular with the young people, especially the young ladies. He had a team of beautifully matched gray carriage horses and so this had the effect on the aspiring young ladies to be seen gliding over the snow in a sleigh or riding along a shady lane in Summer." Together with family, friends, and neighbors, our subject attended: "Donations" and functions sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society of Clinton Baptist Church, group "sings" at the Ledyard's and at his Uncle Henry's, "apple cuts" (work/social gatherings during which apples are prepared for the cider presses) at the farm of Nathan Griswold and at the Wheeler farm. Other recreations and amusements included: croquet, blackberrying, huckleberrying, picking chestnuts and grapes, trout fishing (In his diary for 1871, Theron Loomis noted, on May 3: "Went a trouting. Caught 36."), and dominoes. From his earliest years, Theron Loomis was fond of music. He played both the horn and the accordion in the Moosic Band⁹ from Farno, Clinton Township--which met for rehearsals in an upper unfinished floor of the house that Hiram Loomis built in 1876 on his 400-acre farm in Clinton Township¹⁰(see photo on p. 2; see "D" on the map on p. 3).

Sundays were devoted primarily to rest and to religious services. Theron Loomis attended church in the morning, frequently staying to Sunday School, and also attended church in the evening. He attended the Clinton Baptist Church.

Just as Theron Loomis helped, and was helped, by family, friends, and neighbors in many ways and on many occasions throughout the year, so too his parents, Hiram Pease Loomis and Laura Griswold, helped, and were helped, by family, friends, and neighbors in many ways and on many occasions throughout the year. One of the young women who lent a hand to Laura Griswold--probably at harvesting time when large quantities of fruits and vegetables had to be processed rapidly--was Mary Emma Squire, a young woman whose family lived about two miles from the Loomis farm and who, in 1880, became the wife of Theron Loomis.



The Theron Orsemus Loomis House



The Hiram Pease Loomis House

Mary Emma Squire in the Period 1854-1880

The Squire family into which Mary Emma Squire was born traces its line in America directly to George Squire, who was born in 1618 and who, by 1640, had removed to Concord, Massachusetts.¹¹ The first of his descendants to settle in Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, was Horace Gilbert Squire (the paternal grandfather of our subject, see photo on p. 4), who, during the first week of June, 1812, came to Clinton Township from Winsted Village, Litchfield County, Connecticut, and staked his claim "under the mountain" (as the land on the eastern slope of the Moosic Mountains was and is called) one-half mile west of the Clinton Baptist Church (see "E" on the map on p. 3, property now owned by members of the Trusky family). Upon that property Horace Gilbert Squire built a house, where he was joined by his wife, Beulah Grinnell (a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins of The Mayflower),¹² and their son, Hilon DeRoy, and where five additional children were born to Horace and Beulah Squire.¹³ The second youngest of those children, Alvin R. Squire (see photo on p. 4), the father of our subject, inherited the family farm and married Amy Susan Woodmansee.¹⁴

Alvin R. Squire and Amy Susan Woodmansee were the parents of eight children: Alicia Malvina (b. 04-18-1849, d. 08-30-1936, m. Porter Kennedy), Adeline L. (b. 04-06-1850, d. 01-04-1928, m. George Munson), Hilon DeRoy (b. 12-02-1852, d. 1912, m. Alma Russell), Mary Emma, Estella Leantine (b. 02-24-1856, d. 10-?-1909, m. Oscar Bagley), Moses Underwood (b. 09-09-1859, d. 04-20-1942, m. Phoebe A. Frisbee), Willis Alvin (b. 08-?-1863, d. 02-13-1865), Harriet Amanda (b. 07-27-1866, d. 09-16-1951, m., first, Paul Krauser, second, Ren Chestnut). The fourth born of those children, our subject, was born on her father's birthday, September 30, in 1854.

From her earliest years, Mary Emma Squire was fond of nature--especially flowers, birds, cats, dogs, and horses. At the same time, she loved to read, and furthered the education that she received at home by attending Pleasant Mount Academy, Pleasant Mount, Pennsylvania. When our subject was ten, her father was mustered into service in the Civil War,¹⁵ leaving his wife to run the family farm and to look after their children. In 1955, Edna Pearl Loomis, the younger daughter of Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis, described her maternal grandmother, Amy Susan (Woodmansee) Squire, as follows: "She had very black eyes, dark brown hair, very fair complexion, and was usually pale. She was tall and slender, refined and most attractive. She was a great calculator, possessed business ability and was a splendid manager. She was devout, a Quaker, and was very serious-minded, although she had a fine sense of humor. She had a brilliant mind." Amy Susan (Woodmansee) Squire's capability to look after herself and her children during her husband's service in the Civil War is clearly revealed by an incident--which Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis remembered, and recounted in later years to Edna L. (Munson) Wiltz (granddaughter of her sister, Adeline; see photo of Adeline Squire on p. 4, see photo of Edna L. (Munson) Wiltz on p. 9)--that took place one evening as she and her children were in the barn. Edna L. (Munson) Wiltz reported that incident to the editors on February 25, 1978: "When Alvin R. Squire was in the Civil War, Amy Susan Woodmansee was running the farm and looking after the children. Food was scarce. One night when they were in the barn doing the chores, a deer came down from the mountain and went into the barn. Amy Susan Woodmansee hollered to close the barn door. They had no guns or anything and so Amy Susan Woodmansee went into the house and got a big butcher knife and she jumped on the deer's back and cut its throat, and the family had meat. Mary Emma Loomis told me that story many a time." Amy Susan (Woodmansee) Squire died 12-12-1881. Following her death, Alvin R. Squire married Orinda A. Peet¹⁶ (see photo on p. 6).

At age 16, Mary Emma Squire became a member of the Clinton Baptist Church--which her father had helped build. In later years she became a member of the Berean Baptist Church in Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

Very much in accordance with the spirit of the times, Mary Emma Squire had a keen sense of family and community, generously giving of her time and effort to help family, friends, and neighbors in many ways and on many occasions throughout the year. In so doing, she became acquainted with and ultimately married Theron Orsemus Loomis, the older son of Hiram and Laura (Griswold) Loomis.

Theron and Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis in the Period 1880-1911

Theron Orsemus Loomis and Mary Emma Squire were married on March 24, 1880, in the Squire home in Clinton Township by the Reverend James Remsen, pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church. According to Mary Emma Loomis' diary entry for the twenty-fourth of March, 1930, the fiftieth anniversary of her marriage, it was colder on her wedding day than it had been on March 24th in the 40-year period prior to her wedding day. In that same diary entry, Mary Emma Loomis reports that her brother, Hilton, nearly froze his hands and feet as he rode on horseback from Waymart, Pennsylvania, to the Squire home for his sister's wedding.

Following their marriage, Theron and Mary Emma Loomis were given a farm by Hiram and Laura Loomis. Edna Pearl Loomis described that farm in a journal entry that she made on February 25, 1967: "Grandfather Loomis, Hiram Pease, owned in his own right, a forty-acre farm which adjoined his and Grandmother's four-hundred-acre farm. This forty-acre farm had a homestead on it, built in the early decades of the nineteenth century. [The house on this homestead is the one that Theron Loomis repaired and fitted out in 1870-1871; see "C" on the map on p. 3.] It had a huge chimney in the center of its two-story structure and a fireplace on its four sides in each story--thus, each room had a fireplace. No metal nails were used in the building of this dwelling but wooden pegs. As a little girl I spent many summer days in this old vacant house. The stairs were very steep almost as steep as a ladder would be. There was always a sweet smell about the place as straw had once covered the vacant floors and was still there but pretty well reduced to small scattered clumps. Surrounding the house were many small shrubs, mostly lilacs. In the yard was a couple of slippery elms. The house surmounted a knoll or a broad low hill and [was] beautifully situated for near and distant views of the rolling hills and the lovely farms."

As he had done for the nine years preceding his marriage, Theron Loomis continued to farm following his marriage. In addition, he formed a partnership in the lumbering business with his brother, Francis Earl Loomis (see photo on p. 6), and together they erected a sawmill on the Loomis farm (see "F" on the map on p. 3) to further their interest.¹⁷

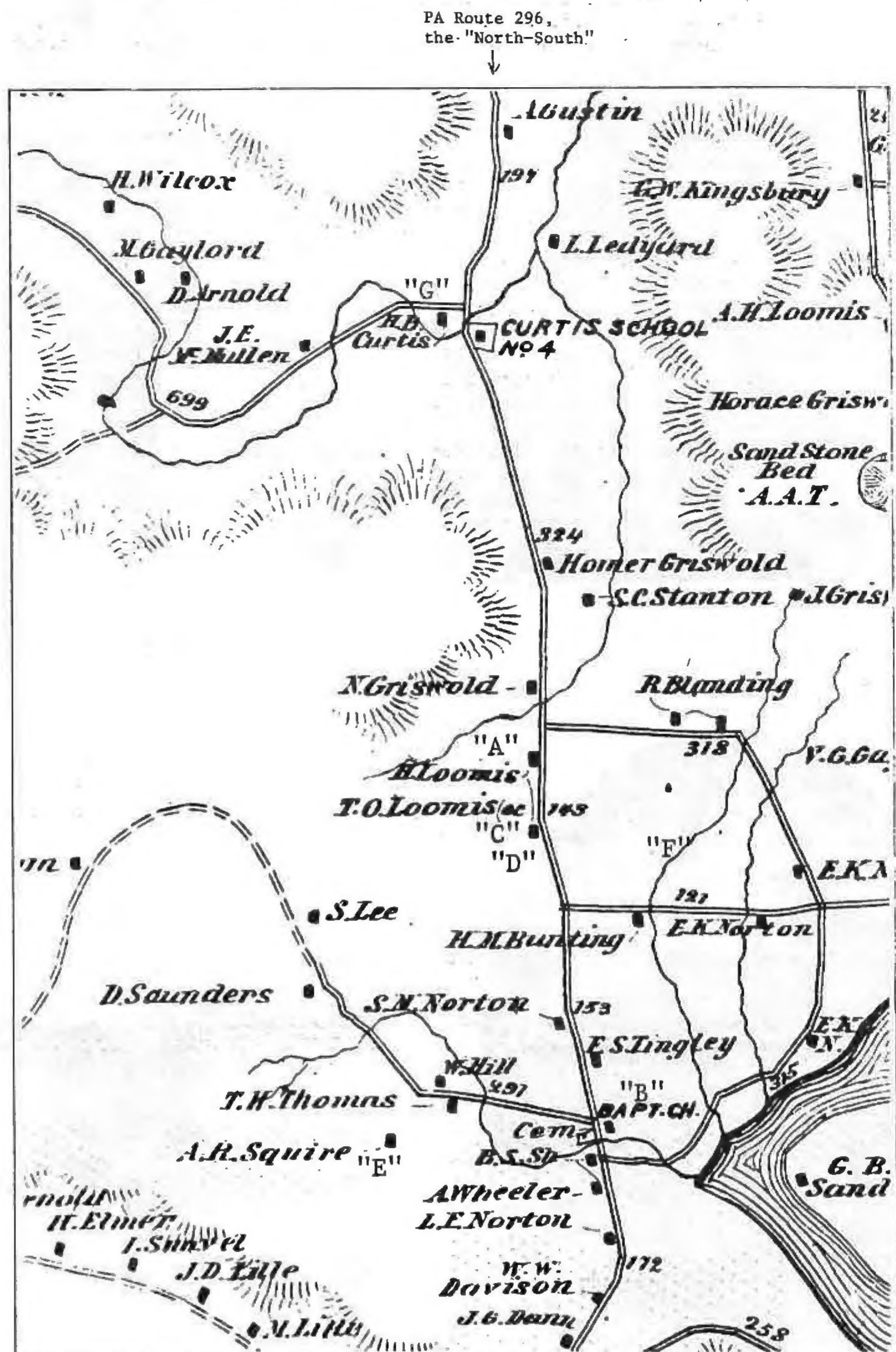
On August 17, 1881, the first of the two children born to Theron and Mary Emma Loomis, Ora Esmarilda, was born; on December 29, 1885, their second child, Edna Pearl, was born (see photo on p. 5).

The Theron Loomis family resided in Clinton Township until 1886, at which time Theron Loomis was forced to discontinue farming--due to an asthmatic condition--and seek employment in a place where pollen dust in the atmosphere was less dominant than in Clinton Township. In that year, the Theron Loomis family moved to 161 Lincoln Avenue in Carbondale, Pennsylvania (see photo on p. 3), where Theron Loomis secured a position, first with the New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company (as a car inspector and also as a member of a wrecking crew), and later with The Hendrick Manufacturing Company (in the shipping department).

In the meantime, Mary Emma Loomis directed herself to the careful rearing of her two daughters, Ora and Edna, both of whom chose to become professional women--the former successfully completing medical training in the Emergency Hospital, Carbondale, Pennsylvania, and graduating a trained nurse in 1902, the latter becoming a teacher in the Fall of 1904, the year in which she was graduated from Carbondale High School.

In 1967, Edna Pearl Loomis described life in the Loomis household when she was a child as follows: "We had a comfortable house and home, about the average one in our upper middle class group. Father and Mother never made material things the main purpose of their living. They were frugal and tried to save something from each pay envelope. They concentrated on the more valuable aspects of life--on virtue, honesty, reverence, in-

The map that is given below is a detail of the map of Clinton Township that is given on p. 32 of Atlas of Wayne Co. Pennsylvania. From Recent and Actual Surveys and Records Under the Superintendence of F. W. Beers (New York: A. Pomeroy & Co., 36 Vesey St., 1872) by F. W. Beers. The copy of that map that is given below was made from a photograph of that map that was taken by Donald W. Powell.



161 Lincoln Avenue, Carbondale, PA

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Alvin R. Squire



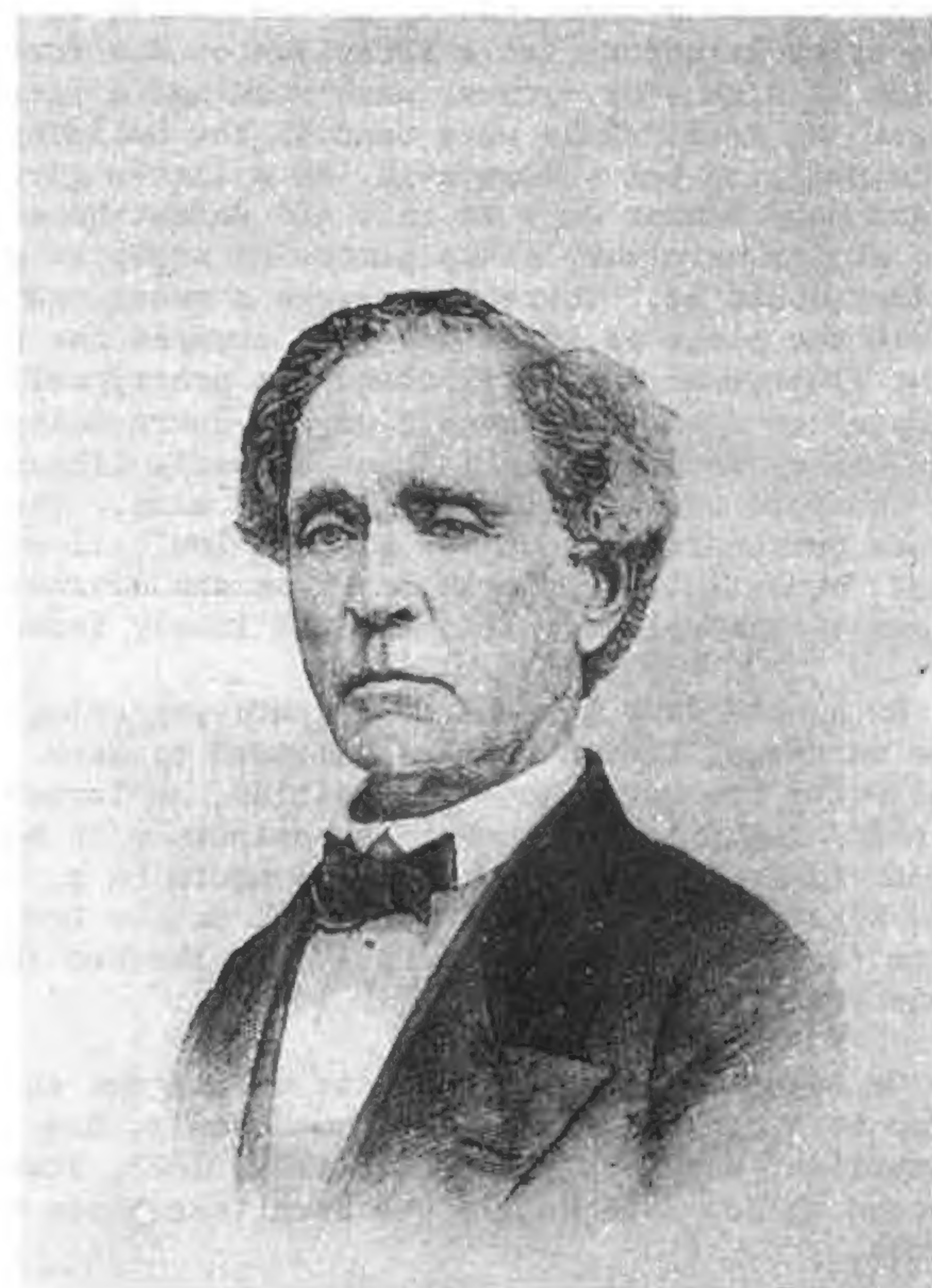
Nathan Griswold



Theron Orsemus Loomis



Horace Gilbert Squire

Adeline, Mary Emma, and
Estella Squire

Erastus W. Loomis



Laura (Griswold) Loomis



Hiram Pease Loomis



Theron Orsemus Loomis

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Theron Orsemus Loomis

Studio photograph by R. C. Yarrington, Photographer, Carbondale, PA, 2 1/4" X 3 3/4", photograph in collection of Margaret L. Winter (Jermyn, PA), copy print by Donald W. Powell (hereinafter "DWP").

Mary Emma Squire

Studio photograph by S. D. Richards, Artist, Keystone Block, over Fowler's Drugstore, Carbondale, PA, 2 15/16" X 3 11/16", photograph in Russell Homestead Photograph Archive (hereinafter "RHPA"), copy print by DWP.

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The Theron Orsemus Loomis House

Mounted snapshots by an unknown photographer, 3 1/4" X 3 1/4", both photographs in RHPA, copy prints by DWP.

The Hiram Pease Loomis House

Photograph by an unknown photographer, approx. 6" X 8", photograph in collection of Margaret L. Winter (Jermyn, PA), copy print by DWP. The present occupants of this house are descendants of Arthur Corey and Nellie Todd (Arthur Corey is the son of Albert Corey and Eliza Jane Curtis; Eliza Jane Curtis is the daughter of Henry Banning Curtis and Louisa Griswold; Louisa Griswold is the sister of Theron Loomis' mother, Laura Griswold).

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161 Lincoln Avenue, Carbondale, PA

Photograph by an unknown photographer, 4 5/8" X 3 7/16", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP.

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Alvin R. Squire (father of Mary Emma Squire)

Studio photograph by Wilkie Photographer, 165 8th Ave., bet. 18th and 19th Sts., New York, 3 15/16" X 6"; photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP. ARS was born 09-30-1822 in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA, and died 04-02-1899 in Waymart, PA. He is interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Nathan Griswold (brother of Theron Loomis' mother, Laura Griswold) Studio photograph by Johnson, Scranton, PA, 2 3/16" X 3 9/16", photograph in collection of Margaret L. Winter (Jermyn, PA), copy print by DWP. NG was born 03-31-1832 and died in 1912. He married Helen M. Grinnell (1826-1903), both are interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Theron Orsemus Loomis

Studio photograph by an unknown photographer, 3 13/16" X 5 5/8", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP.

Horace Gilbert Squire (paternal grandfather of Mary Emma Squire) Studio photograph by an unknown photographer, approx. 3" X 4", photograph in collection of Marian R. (Fletcher) Swindlehurst (Carbondale, PA), copy print by DWP. HGS was born 12-13-1788/9 in Gill, MA, and died 03-12-1857 in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA. He married Beulah Grinnell, who was born 12-01-1788 in Litchfield County, CT, and who died 04-26-1861 in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA; both are interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Adeline, Mary Emma, and Estella Squire (Mary Emma Squire and two of her sisters) Studio photograph by Foster, Carbondale, PA, photograph taken 12-03-1897, 3 7/8" X 5 9/16", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP. Adeline was born 08-06-1850 in Little York--now Lakewood--PA, and died 08-16-1918 in Waymart, PA. On 03-10-1868 she married George F. Munson (b. 11-01-1841, d. 01-14-1928); both are interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA. Estella was born 02-24-1856 in Little York--now Lakewood--PA, and died 10-?-1909. On 02-25-1883, she married Oscar Bagley (b. 09-12-1848).

Erastus W. Loomis (brother of Theron Loomis' father, Hiram P. Loomis) A line engraving, 4 3/8" X 6 3/8", that accompanies the biographical sketch of EWL that is given in Alfred Matthews' History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Co., 1886, pp. 588-590), copy print by DWP. EWL was born 09-09-1810 and died 12-31-1893. On 05-20-1841 he married Mehetabel Muzzey, who was born in 1819, and who died 10-18-1863; both are interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Laura (Griswold) Loomis (mother of Theron Loomis)

Studio photograph by an unknown photographer, 16 1/4" X 20", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP. LGL was born 07-07-1826 in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA, and died 03-?-1924 in that same place. On 05-20-1846 she married Hiram Pease Loomis; both are interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Hiram Pease Loomis (father of Theron Loomis)

Studio photograph by an unknown photographer, 16 1/4" X 20", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP. HPL was born 12-09-1819 in Pleasant Mount, PA, and died 08-27-1900 in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA. On 05-20-1846 he married Laura Griswold; both are interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Theron Orsemus Loomis

Studio photograph by E. I. Stearns & Son, Phot., Honesdale, PA, 2" X 3", photograph in collection of Margaret L. Winter (Jermyn, PA), copy print by DWP. Inscription in TOL's hand on back of photograph reads: "Taken the 9th of June 1871." In his diary for June 9, 1871, TOL wrote: "Hitched up the horses and Uncle Erastus and I went down to Honesdale, had my Photographs taken. Got home after dark. Paid for Photographs \$3.00."

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Ora and Edna Loomis (the two children of Theron and Mary Emma Loomis) Studio photograph by Gramer, 21 Main Street, Carbondale, PA, 4 15/16" X 3 1/2", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP.

DESCENDANTS OF THERON and MARY EMMA (SQUIRE) LOOMIS

Name	Place and Date of Birth	Residence at Time of Death and Date	Spouse (if married) and Date of Marriage	Place of Interment
THERON ORSEMUS LOOMIS	Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA, 02-25-1848	Carbondale, PA 02-26-1911	Mary Emma Squire 03-24-1880	Clinton Cemetery Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA
MARY EMMA SQUIRE	Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA, 09-30-1854	Fell Twp., Lacka. County, PA, 01-20-1948	Theron Orsemus Loomis 03-24-1880	Clinton Cemetery Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA
1. Ora Esmarilda Loomis	Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA, 08-17-1881	Fell Twp., Lacka. County, PA, 11-18-1954	William Anderson Russell 04-10-1907	Valley View Cem. Montdale, PA
William Anderson Russell	Fell Twp., Lacka. County, PA, 09-03-1871	Fell Twp., Lacka. County, PA, 02-05-1958	Ora Esmarilda Loomis 04-10-1907	Valley View Cem. Montdale, PA
a. Martha Jeanette Russell	Fell Twp., Lacka. County, PA, 04-16-1908	Fell Twp., Lacka. County, PA, 04-16-1908	-----	Maplewood Cemetery Carbondale, PA
b. Margaret Louise Russell	Fell Twp., Lacka. County, PA, 06-09-1910	Jermyn, PA 04-22-1974	Albert Wesley Winter 08-04-1937	Valley View Cem. Montdale, PA
Albert Wesley Winter	Jermyn, PA 07-06-1908	Jermyn, PA 06-13-1964	Margaret Louise Russell 08-04-1937	Valley View Cem. Montdale, PA
1. Margaret Louise Winter	Carbondale, PA 08-01-1940			
11. Elizabeth Ann Winter	Carbondale, PA 06-25-1943		Samuel James Montello 02-11-1966	
Samuel James Montello	Rochester, NY 11-18-1940		Elizabeth Ann Winter 02-11-1966	
--Christopher Winter Montello	Rochester, NY 08-25-1969			
--David Winter Montello	Rochester, NY 02-19-1971			
c. Helen Loomis Russell	Fell Twp., Lacka. County, PA, 06-29-1913		Walter Silas Powell 04-10-1937	
Walter Silas Powell	Scranton, PA 01-12-1913		Helen Loomis Russell 04-10-1937	
i. Walter William Powell	Carbondale, PA 08-11-1939	Fell Twp., Lacka. County, PA, 08-30-1941	-----	Valley View Cem. Montdale, PA
11. James Russell Powell	Carbondale, PA 02-07-1941	Fell Twp., Lacka. County, PA, 03-22-1955	-----	Valley View Cem. Montdale, PA
111. Donald Walter Powell	Carbondale, PA 12-12-1943			
iv. Silas Robert Powell	Carbondale, PA 12-12-1943			
v. Russell Thomas Powell	Carbondale, PA 07-22-1946		Ann Marie Swindlehurst 10-08-1966	
Ann Marie Swindlehurst	Carbondale, PA 11-29-1947		Russell Thomas Powell 10-08-1966	
--Laura Lynn Powell	Bainbridge, MD 05-22-1967			
--April Ann Powell	Scranton, PA 11-07-1968			
--William Russell Powell	Scranton, PA 11-11-1970			
2. Edna Pearl Loomis	Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA, 12-29-1885	Highland Park, MI 07-04-1976	LeRoy Besley Loomis 07-20-1938	Woodlawn Cemetery Highland Park, MI
LeRoy Besley Loomis	Hicks, NY 10-21-1887	Highland Park, MI 12-25-1958	Edna Pearl Loomis 07-20-1938	Woodlawn Cemetery Highland Park, MI
a. Fra Edna Loomis (stepdaughter of Edna Pearl Loomis)	10-25-1909			



Ora and Edna Loomis



Orinda A. (Peet) Squire



Francis J. Griswold



Jane (Loomis) Griswold



Matilda B. (Squire) Fletcher



Francis Earl Loomis



Mary (Paynter) Loomis



Theron Orsemus Loomis



Henry Banning Curtis



Louisa (Griswold) Curtis

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Orinda A. (Peet) Squire (second wife of Mary Emma Loomis' father, Alvin R. Squire) Studio photograph by Wilkie Photographer, 165 8th Ave., bet. 18th and 19th Sts., New York, 4 15/16" X 3 1/2", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP. OAPS was born in 1842 and died in 1883; she is interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Francis J. Griswold (maternal grandfather of Theron Loomis) Photograph on glass by an unknown photographer, 2 7/8" X 3 3/8", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP. FJG was born 11-14-1793 in Norwich, MA, and died 09-08-1868 in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA. He is interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA. He married Jane Loomis (see below). Francis and Jane (Loomis) Griswold kept the Cold Water Tavern (subsequently the property of H. B. Curtis, see "G" on the map on p. 3) in Curtis Valley, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Jane (Loomis) Griswold (maternal grandmother of Theron Loomis) Photograph on glass by an unknown photographer, 2 7/8" X 2 3/8", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP. JLG was born 03-11-1792 in Torrington, CT, and died 03-19-1881 in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA. She married Francis J. Griswold (see above). She is interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Matilda B. (Squire) Fletcher (sister of Mary Emma Loomis' father, Alvin R. Squire) Studio photograph by Harner V. Harding, Susquehanna Depot, PA, 2 3/16" X 3 9/16", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP. MBSF was born 10-15-1815 and died ?-?-?. She married Charles Clark Fletcher; both are interred in North Jackson Cemetery, North Jackson, PA.

Francis Earl Loomis (brother of Theron Loomis) Studio photograph by J. A. Bodie, Honesdale, PA, 2 1/2" X 3 3/4", photograph in collection of Laura A. (Loomis) Rude (Carbondale, PA), copy print by DWP. FEL was born 12-17-1861 and died 09-30-1921. On 02-26-1891 he married Mary Paynter (see below). He is interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Mary (Paynter) Loomis (wife of Theron Loomis' brother, Francis Earl Loomis) Studio photograph by an unknown photographer, 2 7/8" X 3 15/16", photograph in collection of Laura A. (Loomis) Rude (Carbondale, PA), copy print by DWP. MPL was born 01-25-1872 and died 02-26-1935. On 02-26-1891 she married Francis Earl Loomis (see above). She is interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Theron Orsemus Loomis Studio photograph by an unknown photographer, 5 5/16" X 7 7/16", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP.

Henry Banning Curtis (husband of Theron Loomis' mother's sister, Louisa Griswold) Studio photograph by an unknown photographer, approx. 18" X 24", photograph in collection of Alice Mae (Curtis) (Williams) Lund (Seelyville, PA and Melbourne, FL), copy print by DWP. HBC was born 01-01-1825 and died 02-12-1907. On 04-10-1851 he married Louisa Griswold (see below). He is interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

Louisa (Griswold) Curtis (sister of Theron Loomis' mother, Laura Griswold) Studio photograph by an unknown photographer, approx. 18" X 24", photograph in collection of Alice Mae (Curtis) (Williams) Lund of Seelyville, PA and Melbourne, FL, copy print by DWP. LGC was born 11-02-1828 and died 05-08-1912. On 04-10-1851 she married Henry Banning Curtis (see above). She is interred in Clinton Cemetery, Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA.

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Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis Photograph by Cramer Studio, Carbondale, PA, 3" X 4 1/2", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP.

Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis Snapshot taken by Edna (Munson) Wiltz on 10-02-1944, 2 1/4" X 3 3/16", photograph in collection of Margaret L. Winter (Jermy, PA), copy print by DWP.

The Russell Homestead Photograph by Artcraft Studio, Carbondale, PA, 6 7/8" X 5", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP. It is on this homestead that the ten children of James Russell (b. 06-?-1815, d. 05-28-1872) and Margaret Gillespie Locke (b. 01-01-1833, d. 12-31-1904) were born and raised. William Anderson Russell (b. 09-03-1871, d. 02-05-1958), the youngest of those children, married, on 04-10-1907, Ora Esmarilda Loomis (b. 08-17-1881, d. 11-18-1954), the older daughter of Theron and Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis. The present occupants of The Russell Homestead are Walter and Helen (Russell) Powell and family.

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Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis Studio photograph by Cramer Studio, 21 Main Street, Carbondale, PA, 7 7/8" X 9 1/2", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP.

Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis visits her birthplace with relatives and friends Snapshot taken by John Wiltz on October 1, 1944, 3 1/4" X 2 3/16", photograph in RHPA, copy print by DWP. Back row, left to right: Orville Munson (son of MESL's sister, Adeline, and George F. Munson), Harry Kennedy (son of MESL's sister, Alicia, and Porter Kennedy), Alberta (Kennedy) McClelland (granddaughter of MESL's sister, Alicia, and Porter Kennedy); front row: Edna (Munson) Wiltz (granddaughter of MESL's sister, Adeline, and George F. Munson), Mary Trusky (the wife of John Trusky, the owner of the Squire farm in 1944), Bessie (Terwilliger) Munson (the wife of Orville Munson), Verla Kennedy (granddaughter of MESL's sister, Alicia, and Porter Kennedy).

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dustry, cleanliness of mind and spirit and body. The mind, I believe, they were greatly concerned about. They made our evenings such that we studied our homework. Nothing seldom interrupted these activities. Father always, when we asked him, would put down his reading and come to the kitchen table where we studied and look over our problems and show us where we were wrong. I never recall one instance when my father was away from home for an evening without Mother being with him. I never recall their spending any money for themselves alone. I never recall Father having but one suit of clothes—that a very becoming broadcloth. It was his Sunday suit."

In 1967, Edna Pearl Loomis described, in addition, a musical aspect of life in the Loomis household and in Carbondale when she and her sister were children, as follows: "In those days during the summer months, the Carbondale Mozart Band gave open air concerts on some Saturday evenings. Seldom did our family miss these concerts. We walked to the city, as did most of the city's music lovers. It was always an event. We joined many people of our neighborhood all going to the concert. My sister, Ora, about this time in our history, was quite a belle, very beautiful brunette with a slight graceful figure. She left us usually, joining friends and having a gay evening. Most of the young people instead of standing in one place, would stroll thru the crowds; for them, it was a social affair. Father was quite lame and each step was painful, but he felt greatly rewarded by his walking down the hill and back whenever the band struck up their glorious Sousa marches."

Sundays for the members of the Theron Loomis family were described by Edna Pearl Loomis in a journal in 1964. In that journal, on November 15, she wrote: "Church, Sunday School, Young People's meetings, were each a must for us. Father and I usually attended Church in the A.M., Ora occasionally but with some girl friend, and Ora often played for Sunday School and other services. Mother seldom attended church. As I look back through the years, she remained at home chiefly because she felt her clothes were outdated. The money was needed for other things she thought more necessary. In the afternoon, Ora played hymns on the organ and later on, on the Crown piano. Father always sang with Ora and me the hymns as he sat by the piano. Mother rocked and sang as she usually knew the words. We spent a couple or more hours this way. In the evening, Father and Mother sat by the stove, their feet on the rests, usually thru twilight and into the evening without a light and sang and sang. Father sang tenor, Mother soprano, as did Ora and I. Ora and I attended Young People's Services and evening Church. This was quite regularly our pattern for Sunday. Ora and I got books from the Sunday School library and read them or Sunday School papers—we spent the day restfully and more or less spiritually, storing up physical, mental and spiritual resources for the week. Our Sundays were the type similar to our friends and associates—all Protestant families of our above middle class spent their Sundays thus. Later when Ora and I were in our teens, we spent Sunday afternoons with our close friends. A group of us would congregate early in the afternoon and go on long hikes but always home in time for evening services. Boys and girls all enjoyed these pleasant hikes. Socially our Sundays gave us friendships of lasting joy and worth."

An incident that took place as Theron Loomis walked, one Sunday, to the home of his daughter, Ora, in Fell Township, Lackawanna County—on April 10, 1907, Ora Esmarilda Loomis was married to William Anderson Russell of Fell Township—is indicative not only of the character of Theron and Mary Emma Loomis, but also of the ethical milieu in which their children were reared. That incident was described by Edna Pearl Loomis in a journal entry (February 25) in 1967: "Father quite often would on Sunday walk to Ora's home in the country to see her and walk home again late in the afternoon. One time while walking there, he found an envelope with a beautiful ring in it. The envelope had the name of Burr, the jeweler, on it. The next day Father returned the ring to Burr telling him he had found it. The ring belonged to Mrs. Simpson and had been in the jeweler's for inspection. Mrs. Simpson sent Father a reward, a ten-dollar bill. To keep the ring never entered his or Mother's minds. They worried over the concern of the one who had lost it."

Beginning around 1909, Theron Loomis began having difficulties with his heart; due probably to his long strife with both rheumatism and asthma. After several months of confinement in his bed, he died on November 26, 1911. He was interred, first in Brookside Cemetery, Childs, Pennsylvania, and later—when Brookside Cemetery started to cave in, a consequence, in all probability, of its proximity to coal mines—in Clinton Baptist Church Cemetery, Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. In 1955, Edna Pearl Loomis wrote the following description of her father: "Theron Loomis was home loving and very fond of his family. He had a fine sense of humor, was witty, had a strong will power, not easily persuaded, possessed intense feelings, whether of sympathy, affection or dislike. He had a very tender heart; tears came easily to his eyes whenever he saw a bit of cruelty or a bit of childish effort, as for example on Children's Day when little folks 'spoke their pieces.' He was easily 'choked-up' with sympathy and love. He was six feet in height and weighed two hundred and forty pounds, and was finely proportioned. He had an abundance of dark hair and wore sideburns. He left Ora and me a great legacy, not in money or material things, but a bringing up to know what is good and what is right and what is of good report. We knew the blessings of love and care, of fine companionship and example. We had a happy home life, indeed, a shelter in the time of storm."

On August 15, 1881, Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis wrote the following in the autograph book of her sister, Estella Squire:

Stella —
"Remember this: whenever you're blowing
A bubble of bliss,
If you blow it too big, not content
With its size —
Puff! it is gone, and there's
Soap in your eyes!" Emma Loomis
August 15-1881



Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis

Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis in the Period 1911-1948

Mary Emma Loomis survived her husband by 37 years. During the first 16 of those years, she continued to live in Carbondale at 161 Lincoln Avenue. Her younger daughter, Edna, taught in the borough schools of Jermy, Pennsylvania and in Carbondale High School during this period, and lived at home with her mother.¹⁸ During the Winter, Laura (Griswold) Loomis,¹⁹ the mother of Theron Loomis, frequently stayed at 161 Lincoln Avenue with Mary Emma Loomis and her daughter.

Mary Emma Loomis divided her time between reading--a lifelong passion--and the performance of her household duties: preparing meals, washing and ironing, caring for the house itself, inside and out. She enjoyed sewing, and frequently made her own dresses. During the summer months she was busy canning and pickling and preserving "the good things from the farm"--to use her own words--that were brought to her by her daughter, Ora, and Ora's husband, William Anderson Russell. Mary Emma Loomis was very proud, in particular, of her strawberry jam and her peach preserves.



Mary (Emma) Squire Loomis

In 1927, Edna Pearl Loomis accepted a teaching position in Central High School, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and together with her mother, moved there and established a home, first on Quincy Avenue (where they rented) and subsequently at 1039 Clay Avenue (in a duplex bought by Edna Loomis). Mary Emma Loomis and Edna Loomis lived in Scranton from 1927-1938. During that period, Mary Emma Loomis maintained close contacts with family and friends in Carbondale and Clinton Township. In the Spring and Summer she enjoyed visiting her daughter, Ora, and Ora's family in Fell Township. There she would gather dandelions and milkweeds and be the recipient of fresh eggs and vegetables from her son-in-law's gardens. In the Fall she regularly attended the Pioneer Day celebrations in Clinton Township. In 1931 (on Nov. 8-10), she attended the centennial celebration of the Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. Fall was a season that Mary Emma Loomis enjoyed very much. She was very fond of the autumn foliage--particularly in Wayne County--and tried to spend a week or two in Wayne County, usually with Orville and Bessie (Terwilliger) Munson and family²⁰ (see photo of Orville and Bessie Munson and their daughter, Edna, on p. 9) in Waymart, Pennsylvania, every year around her birthday. During that week or two, she would visit other friends in Waymart, including Minnie Hutchins and her twin boys, and Allie Cramer.

It was well known that Mary Emma Loomis enjoyed being taken for automobile drives, especially in Wayne County, and on more than one occasion she was taken there for afternoon drives by her daughter, Ora, and her granddaughters, Louise and Helen Russell. Once there, she would pick bouquets of trailing arbutus flowers and gather wintergreen berries. Stanley Rettew, as well, would frequently take Mary Emma Loomis for automobile drives in Wayne County. In a diary that Mary Emma Loomis kept in 1931, she records the fact that she and her daughter, Edna, were given great pleasure by an automobile drive that they were taken on on a summer's day around Lake Scranton by William and Ora Russell.

When family and friends were not available to provide transportation, Mary Emma Loomis would take public transportation to visit family and friends. She would take the streetcar to Carbondale to visit Mrs. Clarence Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Randall, Mr. Lesh, Miss Nettie Russell, Miss Jennie Russell, Mrs. E. M. Peck, among others, certainly. She would similarly take the streetcar to Peckville to visit with the Irving Tingley family. She was a great hiker as well--she and her daughter, Edna, would frequently take the streetcar to the mountain end of Washburn Street and, from there, hike to the West Mountain Hospital and back.

While living in Scranton, Mary Emma Loomis was visited by--in addition to her immediate family, who visited her often--the following people, among others: Miss Nettie Russell and Miss Jennie Russell of Carbondale, Mrs. Emma Hall from Glenburn, Will Woodmansee, Mr. Lesh from Carbondale, Mrs. Hattie Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bell, Mrs. Humphrey and her daughter, Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Munson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Randall, Mrs. Milo Gardner and her daughters, Edith and Gertrude, Mrs. Alice Hileman, Mr. and Mrs. John Peck, Irving Tingley and family, Mrs. Clarence Barret, Sue McMinn. In 1931, Horace Tingley of Spokane, Washington, stopped in Scranton to visit Mary Emma Loomis on his way to the Griswold Family Reunion²¹ in Clinton Township. He had left Clinton Township in 1879, and he and Mary Emma Loomis has not seen each other in 50 years and, as Mary Emma Loomis recorded in her diary for 1931, they enjoyed themselves a great deal as they recalled their early days in Clinton Township.

Mary Emma Loomis maintained a vegetable garden and a flower garden in Scranton. She was very proud of her flowers: blue iris, red roses, daffodils, jonquils, delphinium (the bulbs were given to her by Stanley Rettew), gladiolas, marigolds, red poppies, among other flowers.

During this period, Mary Emma Loomis took charge of the renting and upkeep of 161 Lincoln Avenue in Carbondale, having the house painted and papered and having the upstairs converted into an apartment. In addition, she assisted her daughter, Edna, in the rental and upkeep of the apartment on the second floor of 1039 Clay Avenue (she and Edna lived on the ground floor).



The Russell Homestead

Every year she would make fruit cakes and every year she would put up large quantities of jams, jellies, canned fruits, and vegetables--frequently upon returning home, Mary Emma Loomis and her daughter, Edna, would find the vestibule of their house filled with fruits and vegetables that had been left for them while they were out by William and Ora Russell and family.

On July 20, 1938, Edna Pearl Loomis was married to LeRoy Besley Loomis in Ocean Park, Maine, and in that year, she moved to Detroit, Michigan, where her husband was employed in the Ternstedt Division of General Motors Corporation as a safety director. Mary Emma Loomis remained in Scranton until the following year, when she went to live with her daughter, Ora, and Ora's family at The Russell Homestead (see photo on p. 8) in Fell Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

During the final eight years of her life, Mary Emma Loomis was active and alert--she frequently took the bus to Carbondale and Scranton alone--and helpful with the daily activities at The Russell Homestead in Fell Township. She celebrated her ninetieth birthday in Waymart, Pennsylvania, with the Orville Munson family. On the day following her birthday in that year, she went, with Orville and Bessie (Terwilliger) Munson, John and Edna (Munson) Wiltz, Alberta (Kennedy) McClelland, Harry Kennedy, and Verla Kennedy to visit her birthplace in Clinton Township, where pictures were taken (see photo on p. 9) as members of the birthday party walked about the farm where Mary Emma Loomis was born, which at that time was owned by John and Mary Trusky. Later in the day, the group repaired to the Orville Munson home, where birthday cake and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

On January 20, 1948, following a lingering illness, Mary Emma Loomis, in her ninety-third year, died. In 1955, Edna Pearl Loomis wrote the following about her mother: "Mary Emma Loomis was very fond of her home and of family life. She loved nature, especially flowers, birds, cats, dogs, horses. She was very fond of reading and letter writing. Her penmanship was especially fine. She was five feet four inches in height, and about one hundred pounds in weight. She had snappy black eyes, a dimpled chin, fine features, and for many years, snowy-white hair. She was a very independent thinker, was thrifty, practical, witty, and inclined to worry." Mary Emma Loomis is interred in the Clinton Baptist Church Cemetery, Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania.

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Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis



Back row, left to right: Orville Munson, Harry Kennedy, Alberta (Kennedy) McClelland; front row: Edna (Munson) Wiltz, Mary Trusky, Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis, Bessie (Terwilliger) Munson, Verla Kennedy

The poem, At The End of My Life, was written by Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis. A facsimile of that poem, as it appears in her diary for 1930-1931, is given below.

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—At The End Of My Life—

To my grave when Spring shall come
Go you not with tearful eyes,
Standing solemn faced and glum
Underneath the smiling skies
All that lies the ground below
Will be worn-out garb I wore,
Only that and nothing more —
If in Summer time you'd bring
Blossoms to that quiet spot
Do not go with sorrowing
Go as to a garden flat!
I smile and in its beauty share
Think of me as gone before
Nothing of me will be there
But the shabby garb I wore.
And in Autumn when the leaves
Red and golden gently fall,
Do not go as one who grieves,
I shall not be there at all.

Though a little while I've gone
Leaving you to fare alone
All the earth will lie upon
Will be raiment I've outgrown.
Emma Loomis

The poem, Heaven, was written by Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis. A facsimile of that poem, as it appears in her diary for 1930-1931, is given below.

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How would Heaven seem to you,
If in all that region blue,
No bird should flit on feathered wing,
No cock should crow, nor cricket sing?

How would Heaven seem to you,
If horse or dog you never knew?
If no herd grazed on distant hill,
If no cat purred on window sill?

How would Heaven seem to you,
Where dwell in joy the good and true,
Without the little shy twilight life
With which our fields and woods are rife?

"How would Heaven seem to me"?
You ask me this, I'll answer free,
If there is none but human race,
Heaven would be a lonesome place.
E.S.L.

Homer Greene's poem, What My Lover Said, was inspired by Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis' cousin, Fanny Cummings (a daughter of MESL's father's sister, Harriet Squire, and Aaron Cummings). A copy of that poem and a note on its "inception" were included by Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis in her diary for 1930-1931. A facsimile of that poem and that note are given below.

This poem got its inception in the
orchard path on my father's farm in
the year 1878. The lady was Cousin Fanny
Cummings of Honesdale who died in 1881.

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By the merest chance in the twilight
gloom
In the orchard path he met me
In the tall wet grass with its faint
perfume,
And I tried to pass but he made no
room.
Oh! I tried - but he would not let
me,
So I stood and blushed till the grass
grew red
With my face bent down above it;
While he took my hand as he whispering
said -
How she clover lifted each pink
sweet head
To listen to all that my lover said!
Oh, she clover in bloom - how I
love it!
Homer Greene

Notes on the Text

1 As Elias Loomis' work, The Descendants of Joseph Loomis, who came from Braintree, England, in the year 1638, and settled in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1639 (New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor, 221 State Street, 1875, Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged), makes abundantly clear, nearly all of those persons in America in 1875 named Loomis (and therefore their descendants today) are descended from Joseph Loomis (son of John and Agnes Loomis, b. before 1590 in Braintree, d. 11-25-1658 in Windsor, CT) and Mary White (daughter of Robert and Bridget (Allgar) White of Messing, Essex, England, bapt. on 08-24-1590, d. 08-23-1652 in Windsor, CT, m. on 06-30-1614 in Messing, Essex, England, to Joseph Loomis).

The line of descent from Joseph and Mary Loomis to Theron Orsemus Loomis is as follows: Joseph Loomis (m. Mary White), Nathaniel Loomis (b. about 1626 in Essex, England, d. 08-09-1688 in Windsor, CT, was a member of the Windsor Troop of Horse in King Philip's War, m. Elizabeth Moore, who was born in Windsor, CT, in 1638 and who died in 1728, on 11-24-1653), David Loomis (b. 01-11-1667/8 in Windsor, CT, d. 01-09-1751/2 in Windsor, CT, m. Lydia Marsh Lyman, who was born 10-09-1667, on 12-08-1692), Aaron Loomis (b. 09-05-1696 in Windsor, CT, d. in Torrington in 1773, m. Deborah Eggleston, who died 04-15-1783, on 02-05-1718/9), Ephraim Loomis (b. 04-01-1731 in Torrington, d. 04-04-1812 in Torrington, served as a private in the Torrington, CT Regiment during the Revolutionary War, married, first, Ruth Hafford or Hosford, who died 05-01-1764, and, second, Jane Campbell), Ephraim Loomis, Jr. (b. 07-12-1758, d. 1824, served in the Torrington, CT Regiment during the Revolutionary War with his father, m. Jane Fyler, who was born 12-03-1753 and who died 03-30-1789, on 10-30-1784), Reuben Loomis (b. 10-09-1785 in Torrington, d. 11-10-1849 in Pleasant Mount, PA., m. Sarah Westland, who was born 11-25-1789 and who died 08-04-1866 in Pleasant Mount, PA), Hiram Pease Loomis (b. 12-09-1819 in Pleasant Mount, PA, d. 08-27-1900 in Clinton Twp., PA, m. Laura Griswold, who was born 07-07-1826 in Clinton Twp., PA, and who died 03-?-1924 in Clinton Twp., PA, on 05-20-1846), Theron Orsemus Loomis (b. 02-25-1848 in Clinton Twp., d. 11-26-1911 in Carbondale, PA, m. Mary Emma Squire, who was born 09-30-1854 in Clinton Twp., and who died 01-20-1948 in Fell Twp., Lackawanna County, PA, on 03-24-1880.)

The first of Theron O. Loomis' ancestors to settle in Wayne County was Reuben Loomis, who, on January 18, 1817, loaded all of his household goods, his wife, and their three sons into a large covered wagon, and with two yoke of oxen as motive power, started from Windsor, CT, for Pleasant Mount, PA, one hundred and fifty miles away. In the night of January 27th, the Reuben Loomis family arrived in Pleasant Mount, where they had a distant relative whom they called Uncle Demens (Ichabod Deming, the husband of Reuben Loomis' father's youngest sister, Rebecca Loomis) and with whom they stayed immediately upon their arrival in that place. During that winter, the Reuben Loomis family lived with Daniel Roberts, a widower who was glad to have Mrs. Loomis look after his children. On June 1, 1817, the Reuben Loomis family moved into the house that Reuben Loomis had, in the meantime, built on the 57 acres of wild land that he had purchased in Pleasant Mount adjoining Uncle Demens' farm. For additional information about Reuben Loomis and family, see the biographical sketch of the oldest son of Reuben Loomis and Sarah Westland, Erastus W. Loomis, that is given in History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania by Alfred Matthews (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Co., 1886) on pp. 588-590.

2 Theron O. Loomis' mother, Laura Griswold, is a descendant of those Griswolds who were established at Solihull, Warwickshire, England, prior to 1400; specifically, she is a descendant of the John Griswold who came from Kenilworth to Solihull about the middle of the 14th century, ultimately acquiring Langdon Hall. The first of the descendants of John Griswold to emigrate to America is Michael Griswold, who was a mason by trade and a yeoman by rank and who owned lands in Wethersfield, CT, as early as 1640. In that place he served as an assessor, constable, and appraiser of land and was the only freeman by the name of Griswold in Wethersfield in 1659. His wife's name was Ann.

Laura Griswold traces her line directly to Michael and Ann Griswold, as follows: Michael Griswold (m. Ann ?), Thomas Griswold (b. 10-22-1646 in Wethersfield, CT, d. 1672, m. Mary Howard, who was born in 1647 and who died 10-29-1718), Samuel Griswold (b. 12-15-1684 in Wethersfield, CT, m. Mary Francis, who was born 05-26-1689, on 03-11-1708), John Griswold (b. 06-23-1721, m. ?), John Griswold (b. 10-15-1758 in Norwich, MA, d. 10-16-1843 in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA, served as a private in Captain Amos Rathburn's Co. in Major Caleb Hyde's detachment of Militia and in Captain Amos Rathburn's Co. in Col. John Brown's detachment of militia during the Revolutionary War, m. Elizabeth Crittenden, who was born in 1758 and who died in 1851, on 10-?-1790), Francis J. Griswold (b. 11-14-1793 in Norwich, MA, d. 09-08-1869 in Clinton Twp., m. Jane Loomis, who was born 03-11-1792 in Torrington and who died 03-19-1881 in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, PA), Laura Griswold (b. 07-07-1826 in Clinton Twp., d. 03-?-1924 in Clinton Twp., m. Hiram Pease Loomis, who was born 12-09-1819 in Pleasant Mount, PA, and who died 08-27-1900 in Clinton Twp., on 05-20-1846).

The first of Laura Griswold's ancestors to settle in Clinton Twp. was John Griswold (1758-1843), who, in the Fall of 1813, together with some of his family, came to Clinton Twp. from Torrey Lake, and put up a log cabin on land adjoining that of Rufus Grinnell. In January 1814, John Griswold moved his family down to Clinton Twp. on ox-sled. See History of Wayne County by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, PA: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), p. 325.

Laura Griswold is one of the six children of Francis and Jane (Loomis) Griswold, namely: Louis (b. 01-31-1822, d. 01-06-1832), Alvin (b. 04-22-1824, d. 09-?-1849), Laura (b. 07-07-1826, d. 03-?-1924, m. Hiram P. Loomis, who was born 12-09-1819 and who died 08-27-1900, on 05-20-1846), Louisa (b. 11-02-1828, d. 05-08-1912, m. Henry Banning Curtis, who was born 01-01-1825 and who died 02-12-1907, on 04-10-1851), Nathan (b. 03-31-1832, d. 1912, m. Helen Grinnell, who was born in 1826 and who died in 1903), Homer (b. 03-14-1835, d. 05-28-1974, m. ?).

3 Francis Earl Loomis married, on 02-26-1891, Mary E. Paynter, who was born 01-25-1872 and who died 02-26-1935. Their eight children are as follows: Flora L. (b. 04-17-1892, d. 01-06-1933, m. Clarence Brown), Herbert C. (b. 03-30-1894, d. 07-06-1969, m. Elizabeth Reiner), Nettie E. (b. 06-24-1895, d. 04-01-1958, m. Dr. Edgar Graham), Floyd D. (b. 09-14-1897, d. 05-15-1975, m. Helen Hess), Laura A. (b. 09-02-1899, m. Walter F. Rude), E. Russell (b. 08-15-1901, d. 02-?-1969, m., first, Miss Snedeker, and second, Jean Waters), Raymond E. (b. 05-12-1907, d. 11-08-1962, m. Cecelia Owens), Nelson E. (b. 09-14-1911, d. 03-24-1966, m. Hilda Bates).

4 Other prominent residents of Clinton Township also decided to move to Felton, Delaware at about this time. In Alfred Matthews' History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Co., 1886), p. 577, we find the following: "The Judge [Virgil Grinnell] built the house [in Clinton Township] where F. M. Gaylord now resides, and moved into it in 1824, residing there constantly till 1865 or 1866, when he removed, with his wife, son Miron and wife, daughter Ann and one or two grandchildren, to Felton, Kent County, Del., where he now [1886] resides at the age of eighty-seven, surviving his wife, who died in 1885."

5 Two of Theron O. Loomis' contemporaries from Clinton Township who also attended Delaware Literary Institute about the same time that Theron O. Loomis did are William H. Lee (b. 01-01-1849) and William C. Norton (b. 10-10-1852). See biographical sketch of William H. Lee in Centennial and Illustrated Wayne County (Honesdale, PA: Benjamin F. Haines, Publisher, 1902), p. 58; see the biographical sketch of William C. Norton in Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania (Chicago: J. H. Beers & Co., 1900), pp. 523-524.

6 The precise location of the building in which the first Sunday School in Wayne County was held is not known for certain. Three hypotheses as to the location of that building are known to the editors:

A: In the newspaper article entitled "Centennial Clinton Centre Baptist Ch'ch" that Lois (Norton) Curtis wrote and which was published in The Wayne Independent in September 1931, Lois (Norton) Curtis states: "The old barn, (some of the remnants still remain), in which the first meetings [of the members of the Clinton Center Baptist Church] were held was owned by Theron O. Loomis (now by Clarence Singer, grandson of W. Myron Norton) and the old school house stood on the line between the farms of W. Myron Norton and F. E. Loomis." The barn in question is the Loomis barn that was located directly across PA Route 296 from the original Hiram Loomis house in Clinton Twp. (see "A" on the map on p. 3). On February 23, 1978, Laura A. (Loomis) Rude of Carbondale, PA, reported to the editors that her father, Francis Earl Loomis, and her paternal grandmother, Laura (Griswold) Loomis, said that the first Sunday School in Wayne County was held in the Loomis barn that was located directly across PA Route 296 from the original Hiram Loomis house in Clinton Township. In an interview with the editors on August 16, 1978, Dwight Rude of Clinton Township similarly stated that the first Sunday School in Wayne County was held in the Loomis barn in question.

B: In the February 14, 1878 issue of The Wayne Independent (p. 3) is the following statement: "The oldest Sunday School in the County of Wayne, and probably in all Northern Pennsylvania, is the one now in connection with the Clinton Baptist Church. It was organized in the year 1813, by Uncle Alva Norton, in a log cabin near by where the residence of Alvin Squires now stands. . ."

C: In Alfred Matthews' History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Co., 1886), pp. 589-590, is the following: "Uncle Alva [W. Norton] always insisted that he organized the first Sunday-school in Clinton in 1813. Judge [Virgil] Grinnell says, speaking of going to school, etc. . . 'in 1814 my father--that's Deacon Rufus--organized a Sunday-school in his house. . . The one 'Uncle Alva' speaks of as organized by him in 1813 I have no knowledge of.' Of course there are no official records to harmonize dates, etc., but in either event it is highly creditable to Clinton that it had a Sunday School in 1813 or 1814. . ."

7 Erastus W. Loomis is the oldest of the seven children of Reuben and Sarah (Westland) Loomis, namely: Erastus W. (b. 04-09-1810, d. 12-31-1893, m. Mehetabel Muzzey--the daughter of Pliny and Mary (Draper) Muzzey from Massachusetts, who moved to Wayne County in about 1825 and bought the farm that was owned by Hiram Pease Loomis in 1886--who was born 02-22-1819 and who died 10-18-1863), Oliver H. (b. 02-12-1812, d. 12-25-1838, m. Louisa Coe), Daniel D. (b. 11-27-1814, d. 1848), Reuben F. (b. 06-18-1817), Hiram Pease (b. 12-09-1819, d. 08-27-1900, m. Laura Griswold), Marietta (b. 01-02-1821, d. 1848), Lucretia J. (b. 12-05-1823, m. Renneleear Stephenson). See biographical sketch of Erastus W. Loomis in Alfred Matthews' History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Co., 1886), pp. 588-590.

8 In the Fall and Winter of the year, Theron Loomis, having harvested his apples, would rise early in the morning, load a wagon with apples, and peddle them in Carbondale or between Waymart and Peckville, PA. On those trips when Theron Loomis peddled his apples as far as Peckville, he would spend the night with his father's sister, Lucretia, and her husband, Renneleear Stephenson, in Peckville, and return to Clinton Township on the following day. In his diary for 1871, Theron Loomis noted: 11-08-1871 "Received \$20 for apples"; 11-14-1871 "Received \$16 for apples"; 12-15-1871 "Received \$19.63 for apples." During the final decades of the nineteenth century, Clinton Township, be it known, was referred to as the Pomonia of Wayne County.

9 The Moosic Band from Farno, Clinton Township, Wayne County, entertained at the Wayne County Fair in 1895; see Looking Back Souvenir Book of the Wayne County Fair Centennial Celebration 1862-1962 by Daniel M. Eno, p. 20.

10 In Alfred Matthews' History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Co., 1886), p. 581, is the following information on the Hiram Loomis house: "Mr. [Hiram] Loomis married the second daughter of Mr. [Francis] Griswold, and built a very elegant house. . . [on the Hiram Pease Loomis farm], a striking peculiarity of which is, that the interior is finished of the wood grown on the farm; giving a finish equal to any of the finest imported, and the balusters are made of about the last material one would expect--Sumac." In Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania (Chicago: J. H. Beers & Co., 1900), pp. 661-662, it is stated that the house was constructed at a cost of \$5,000 and that the outbuildings on the Loomis property were valued at \$2,000 in 1876.

11 The line of descent from George Squire to Alvin R. Squire is as follows: George Squire (b. 1618 in England, d. 1691 in Concord, MA, served as a Sergeant in the Fairfield Train Band, m. Ann ?), George Squire (b. 1646 in Concord, MA, d. 1674, m. Ellen, who was probably the daughter of Ephraim Wheeler), George Squire (m. Jane Edwards on 01-29-1701/2 in Easthampton, Long Island), Samuel Squire (b. about 1711, d. 03-13-1751/2, married, first, Abigail, and second, Sarah), David Squire (b. 02-18-1738/9 in Durham, CT, d. in 1804 in Durham, CT, served as a private in the Connecticut line in the Revolutionary War, m. Huldah Bishop, who was born 06-27-1742 and who died in 1783, on 02-09-1761), David Squire (b. 10-08-1762 in Granville, MA, d. in 1843, served as a private in the Massachusetts line in the Revolutionary War, m. Lauranna Gilbert), Horace Gilbert Squire (b. 12-13-1788/9 in Gill, MA, d. 03-12-1857 in Clinton Twp., m. Beulah Grinnell, who was born 12-01-1788 in Litchfield, CT, and who died 04-26-1861 in Clinton Twp.), Alvin R. Squire (b. 09-30-1822 in Clinton Twp., d. 04-02-1899 in Waymart, PA, m. Amy Susan Woodmansee, who was born 04-12-1823 in Tolland, CT, and who died 12-12-1881 in Clinton Twp., on 01-01-1848).

12 Beulah Grinnell traces her line to John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, to wit: John Alden (b. about 1599 in England, d. 09-12-1687 in Duxbury, MA, m. Priscilla Mullins, who was born about 1602 in England and who died between 1680 and 1689), Elizabeth Alden (b. 1623/4 in Plymouth, MA, d. 05-31-1717 in Little Compton, RI, m. William Pabodie, who was born in 1620 and who died 12-12-1707 in Little Compton, RI, on 12-26-1644), Lydia Pabodie (b. 04-03-1667 in Duxbury, d. 07-13-1748 in Killingworth, CT, m. Daniel Grinnell, who was born in 1668 in Portsmouth, RI, and who died 01-07/01-20-1740 in Westbrook, CT, in 1683), Peabody Grinnell (b. 1684 in Little Compton, RI, d. Saybrook, CT, m. Ruth Nettleton, who died 10-09-1732, on 04-08-1718), Jasper Grinnell (b. 01-29-1727 in Saybrook, CT, d. 05-31-1749 in Saybrook, CT, m. Sarah Hill, who was born 03-12-1726/7 in Guilford, CT, and who died in 1780 in Saybrook, CT), Michael Grinnell (b. 03-20-1752 Old Style in Saybrook, CT, d. 02-13-1858 in Clinton Twp., served in the Revolutionary War, m. Susanna Balcom, who was born in 1760 and who died 08-01-1825 in Clinton Twp.), Beulah Grinnell (b. 12-01-1788, d. 05-28-1861 in Clinton Twp., m. Horace Gilbert Squire, who was born 12-?-1788/9 in Gill, MA, and who died 03-12-1857 in Clinton Twp.).

13 The six children of Horace and Beulah Squire are: Hilon DeRoy (b. 08-17-1812 in Litchfield Co., CT, m. Margaret Jennings), Matilda Balcom (b. 10-15-1815, m. Charles Clark Fletcher), Lauranna (b. 11-03-1817), Harriet (b. 01-27-1820, m. Aaron Cummings), Alvin R. (b. 09-30-1822, d. 04-02-1899, m. Amy Susan Woodmansee), Susannah (b. 08-20-1825, m. Orson Spencer).

14 Amy Susan Woodmansee is a descendant of Gideon Woodmansee, who was born in 1758 in Massachusetts and who served in the Revolutionary War for nine months--in July 1780 in New Bedford, MA, he enlisted as a private in Captain Blaisdell's Company, Colonel Wigglesworth's Massachusetts Regiment; he served with General Washington at Valley Forge during the winter of great privation; on March 22, 1819, he was granted a pension of \$8 per month. On 10-07-1781, in Swansea, MA, he married Almy Carter (b. 1759, d. 06-13-1842). In 1816, Gideon Woodmansee and his wife and their sons, Thomas, Jeremiah, and James, and James' wife, Polly Underwood, moved to Wayne County, PA, and settled on the "Stockport Road." Gideon Woodmansee settled on that property in Buckingham Township which in 1886 belonged to John Randall, later purchasing property in Preston Township. On 04-11-1851, Gideon Woodmansee died in Lake Como, PA, his wife having died on 06-13-1842 in Lake Como, PA. Their son, James (b. 06-14-1786 in Rhode Island, d. 07-24-1866 in Lake Como, PA) inherited the family homestead, his brothers, Thomas and Jeremiah, having removed to Michigan. James Woodmansee, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, and Polly Underwood (b. 01-09-1792 in Pomfret, CT, d. 12-27-1853 in Lake Como, PA, m. James Woodmansee on 09-?-1809) were the parents of 14 children: James M. (b. 04-27-1810, d. 04-12-1875, m. Lydia Griffith), Jedediah (b. 03-18-1812, d. 1887, m. Sarah Ann Wooley), Samuel (b. 04-28-1814, d. 12-24-1870), Betsy (b. 12-29-1816, d. 08-24-1828), Carlos (b. 10-23-1818, d. 10-23-1818), Caroline (b. 10-23-1818, d. 10-23-1818), Phoebe (b. 10-11-1819, d. 02-?-1903, m. George Gates), Lyman (b. 08-27-1821, d. 05-?-1865, m. Jane Stanton), Amy Susan (b. 04-12-1823 in Tolland, CT, d. 12-12-1881 in Clinton Twp., m. Alvin R. Squire, who was born 09-30-1822 in Clinton Twp. and who died 04-02-1899 in Waymart, PA, on 01-01-1848), Mary Jane (b. 11-20-1825, d. 09-21-1884, m. Joseph B. Sanford), Huldah (b. 08-09-1827, d. 12-?-1901, m. W. W. Blaisdell), Rhoda (b. 06-18-1828, d. 05-20-1886, m. Jacob Martin), Mahala (b. 03-01-1830, d. 05-11-1868, m. William Kingsbury), Horace (b. 04-30-1832, d. 07-12-1910, m. Mercy Williams).

15 Alvin R. Squire was mustered into service in the Civil War on 03-15-1864 and discharged by general order on 07-26-1865. He served under Lieutenant Titlow in the 152nd Pennsylvania Regiment, Third Artillery, and received a pension of \$12/month following the war. See History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861-5, Prepared in Compliance with Acts of the Legislature by Samuel P. Bates, Vol. IV (1870), published by B. Singlerly, State Printer, Harrisburg, PA; detailed information on the 152nd Pennsylvania Regiment, Third Artillery is given on pp. 698-700; Alvin R. Squire's name is listed on p. 769--the 33rd name from the top of the page.

16 Orinda A. Peet is a descendant of John Peet (1597-1678) of Duffield Parish, Derbyshire, England. The line of descent is as follows: John Peet (b. 1597 in Duffield Parish, Derbyshire, England, sailed from London in 1635 on the "Hopewell" under Captain Bundock, was one of the pioneer settlers of Stratford, CT, d. 1678), John Peet (b. about 1638, d. 1684), Sergeant John Peet (b. 1672, d. 1719, m. Mary Moorehouse in 1695), David Peet (b. 1698, m. Mary Titherton in 1719), John Peet (b. 1725/6 in New Milford, CT, m. Rebecca Fairchild), Daniel Peet (b. 1765 in New Milford, CT, in 1829 moved to Salem, Wayne County, from New Milford, CT, d. in 1850 in Salem, Wayne County, m. Betsy ?), Daniel Peet (m. Jemima Hollister), Orinda A. Peet (b. 1842, d. 1883, m. Alvin R. Squire).

17 On February 23, 1978, Laura A. (Loomis) Rude told the editors: "There were three sawmills on the Loomis farm, all built on the same location--down in the pasture below the barn, by the creek. All three of the mills burned down, the first two were struck by lightning, the third was destroyed by an accidental fire in the mill."

18 Edna Loomis taught in the public schools of Pennsylvania for 34 years; 1904-1908 in the rural schools of Wayne County; 1908-1915 in the borough schools of Jermy; 1915-1927 in Carbondale High School; 1927-1938 in Central High School, Scranton, PA. In February 1927, Edna Loomis was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Pennsylvania State College and in August 1932 she was awarded a Master of Arts degree from that same college. Her Master's thesis is entitled: A Comparison of Lord Chesterfield's Letters to His Son with the Conduct Books of the Sixteenth Century.

19 In memory of the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township and of the early ministers of Clinton Baptist Church, E. M. Peck had erected a memorial at the entrance of the Clinton Baptist Church Cemetery. That memorial is made from a six-ton flint conglomerate rock that was taken from the Moosic Mountains in Clinton Township. On Pioneer Day in 1915 (August 27), when that memorial was dedicated, the flag with which it was covered was removed by Laura (Griswold) Loomis.

20 Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis' sister, Adeline Loretta Squire (b. 08-06-1850 in Little York--now Lakewood--PA, d. 08-16-1918 in Waymart, PA) married, on 03-10-1868 in Aldenville, PA, George F. Munson (b. 11-01-1841 in Waymart, PA, d. 01-14-1928 in Waymart, PA). They were the parents of three children: 1. Hattie Amanda Munson (b. 08-17-1869, d. 07-30-1909, m. William Faber), 2. Susan E. Munson (b. 07-27-1873, d. 10-01-1947), 3. Orville W. Munson (b. 04-06-1878, d. 10-08-1962, m. Bessie Terwilliger, who was born 08-21-1880, and who died 01-08-1947).

21 The reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden is held every year on the third Wednesday in August. In 1979, the 73rd Griswold Reunion will take place this afternoon, August 15th, in Clinton Township at Ridge Farm, the home of Dwight and Margaret (Remsen) Rude.

22 At The End Of My Life-- To my grave when Spring shall come/ Go you not with tearful eyes/ Standing solemn faced and glum/ Underneath the smiling skies/ All that lies the ground below/ Will be worn-out garb I wore./ Only that and nothing more-/ If in Summertime you'd bring/ Blossoms to that quiet spot/ Do not go with sorrowing/ Go as to a garden plot;/ Smile and in its beauty share/ Think of me as gone before/ Nothing of me will be there/ But the shabby garb I wore./ And in Autumn when the leaves/ Red and golden gently fall./ Do not go as one who grieves,/ I shall not be there at all./ Though a little while I've gone/ Leaving you to fare alone/ All the earth will lie upon/ Will be rayment I've out-grown. Emma Loomis

23 --Heaven-- How would Heaven seem to you,/ If in all that region blue,/ No bird should flit on feathered wing,/ No cock should crow, nor cricket sing?/ How would Heaven seem to you,/ If horse or dog you never knew?/ If no herd grazed on distant hill,/ If no cat purred on window sill?/ How would Heaven seem to you,/ Where dwell in joy the good and true,/ Without the little shy wild life/ With which our fields and woods are rife?/ "How would Heaven seem to me"?/ You ask me this, I'll answer free,/ If there is none but human race,/ Heaven would be a lonesome place. E.S.L.

24 --What My Lover Said-- By the merest chance in the twilight gloom/ In the orchard path he met me/ In the tall wet grass with its faint perfume,/ And I tried to pass but he made no room./ Oh! I tried--but he would not let me,/ So I stood and blushed till the grass grew red/ With my face bent down above it;/ While he took my hand as he whispering said--/ How the clover lifted each pink sweet head/ To listen to all that my lover said;/ Oh, the clover in bloom--how I love it! Homer Greene

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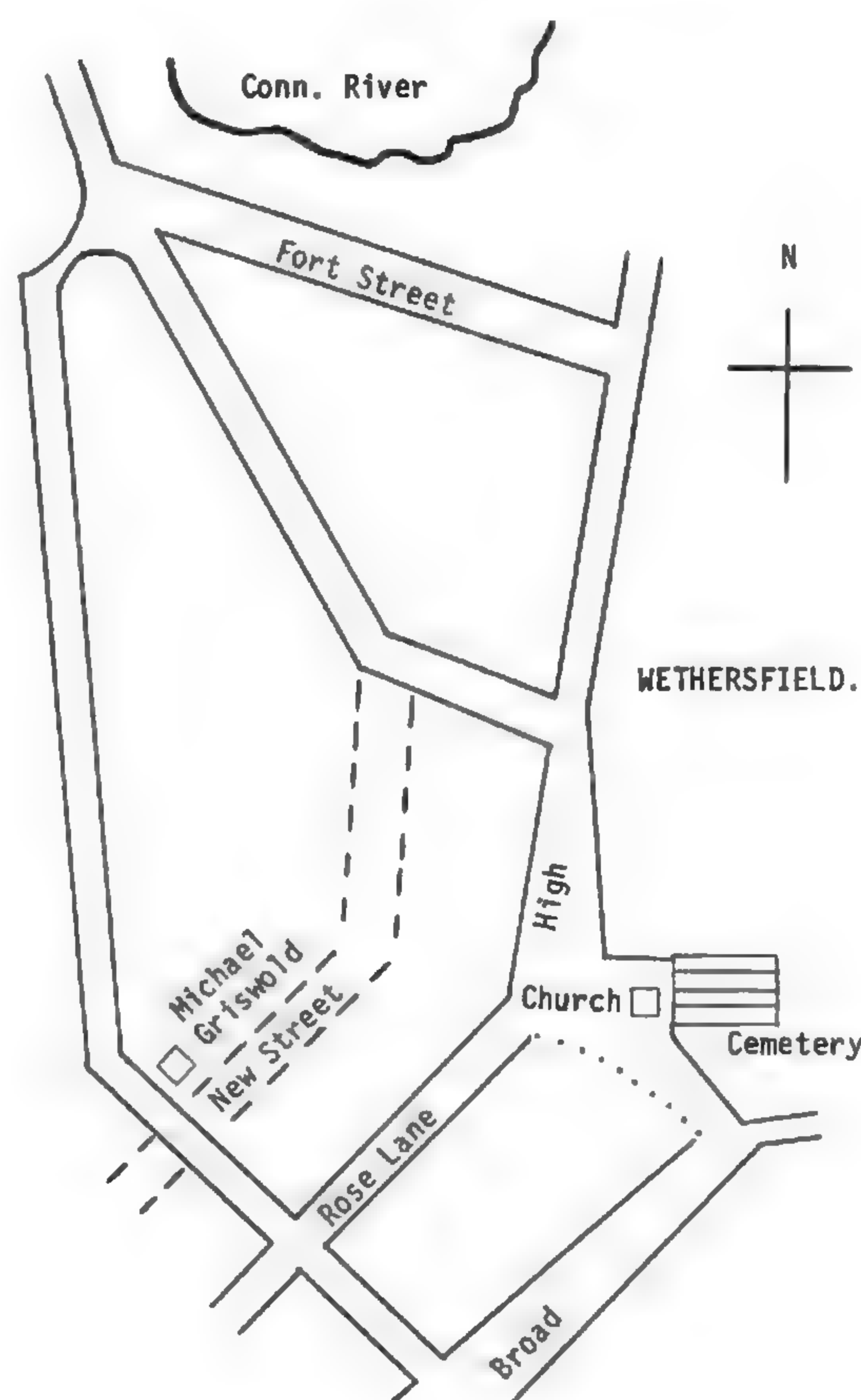
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The above map is a copy by the author after the map that is given facing page 168 in Volume II of Glenn E. Griswold's *The Griswold Family England - America*, wherein (p. 166) is the following information about the Michael Griswold property on New Street: "He [Michael Griswold I] had a home and two acres on New street, which street was abandoned 1660, so that his home was located as shown by the illustration facing on what is now Garden street." In Volume III (p. 191) of Glenn E. Griswold's *The Griswold Family England - America* is the following information about the Michael Griswold property on New Street: "Michael owned considerable land, and his home lot which he gave to his wife Ann, then to his son Michael. There must have been a dwelling house with it, probably the original structure of the present Michael Griswold house, facing on Garden street and later remodeled by his son Michael. This homelot was originally considered to have been on New street just southwest of the present house, but later abandoned, and this bears out the contention that the present house and property was Michael's homelot."

I. George Griswold

The Griswolds of Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, are descendants of the English Griswolds who were established at Solihull, Warwickshire, England prior to 1400. The following account of the Griswold family in England is given by Ruth Lee Griswold (pp. 9-10):

The history of the Griswold family in this country [America] finds its source, as does that of most of the old families of New England, in Old England, and a brief sketch of the Griswold family in England from its earliest record, to the settlement of this country will afford a background for the generations that have carried on the name in this new land.

"The English Griswolds were an ancient county family established at Solihull, Warwickshire, England, prior to 1400: The name being generally written as Greswold but without doubt the "e" in the first syllable had the Latin sound as "i" short for it was often written Griswold or Grys-wold and sometimes with a final "e." The family had a pedigree and were entitled to a coat of Arms, viz: Arg. a fesse gu. betw. two greyhounds current Sa."

They were descended from a John Griswold who came from Kenilworth about the middle of the 14th century, married and settled in Solihull, later acquiring Langdon Hall; and by Burke, the family is called Griswold of Kenilworth and Solihull.

The same authority goes on to say, "The family was of local distinction; they held county offices, were summoned by the Sheriff with the other gentlemen of the county to be present at the proclamation of Acts of Parliament and sworn to defend them. They sought and obtained wives from the local families, and an alliance with their daughters was considered honorable... They were not of the nobility, but belonged to the middle class landed gentry, that devout, patient, and, above all, valiant race, which has contributed so much to make England for centuries the foremost of nations."

The Family of Griswold descended from Humphrey Griswold of Greet, Lord of the Manor, are mentioned in English history as an honorable family in the sixteenth century. The Griswold family came into possession of the Malvern Estates about 1600 and have continued to be in possession of them thru all the changes of English law for over three hundred years. "It is a stately manor house in the style of Inigo Jones, set in the midst of a large park surrounded by a moat; and over the stone gateway is carved the family crest."

The English records show the Malvern Estate and Coat of Arms in 1659 belonging to Humphrey Griswold of Malvern Hall, who died in 1671. His brother, Rev. Henry Griswold, who succeeded him, died about 1720. His eldest son Humphrey succeeded to the title and held it until his death in 1772, leaving it to his brother Henry. When

From the Editor:

This issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA is the second portrait of a representative family from Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA, written by Silas Robert Powell, to be published in this historical quarterly. The first of these portraits--of Theron Orsemus Loomis and Mary Emma Squire--was published in Volume I, Number 1 (August 15, 1979). The present portrait is of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden and their ancestors and descendants.

The results of further historical research undertaken by Powell on Clinton Township will be published in the November 18, 1981 issue (Volume III, Number 2) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, wherein will be presented detailed information on, among others, the following pioneer families of Clinton Township (Norton, Grennell, North, West, Gaylord, Peck, Mc Mullen, Loomis, Ledyard, Bunting, Saunders, Davenport, Arnold) and the following, among others, pioneer ministers of the Clinton Center Baptist Church (Elijah Peck, John Smitzer, Horace Jones, Chas. H. Hubbard, Alex. Smith, Charles A. Fox, Henry Curtis, Geo. V. Walling, Joseph Curren, James Spencer, D. P. Purdon, B. B. Bunting, J. R. Rensen, James Rainey).

We would like, at this time, to bring to the attention of our readers the following news: The building in Honesdale, PA, which served as the land office of Jason Torrey, who surveyed Honesdale and most of the surrounding area in the 1830s, will be demolished unless the necessary funds can be raised by February 1, 1981 to move and renovate this architecturally important building--the first commercial brick building in Honesdale and one of that city's oldest structures (built circa 1830).

For more information on how you can help save the Torrey Land Office, write to either of the following persons, c/o The Wayne County Historical Society, Box 446, Honesdale, PA 18431:

Charles Hames, President of The Wayne County Historical Society

Byron White, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee.

The next issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (Volume II, Number 3) will be a history of Maplewood Cemetery, Carbondale, PA. That issue, which will contain a list of the names of the over 7,000 persons interred in that cemetery (date of death, date of burial, cause of death, age, and nationality will be given for each of those persons), will be published on February 18, 1981.

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he died he left an only daughter, Anne. The title then passed to Rev. Matthew Griswold, Justice of the Peace for the County of Warwick. When he died in 1778 he left a daughter, Mary Griswold of Malvern Hall, who married David Lewis, Esq. They left no male heirs but three daughters: Magdalene married the fourth Earl of Dysart; Anne Maria married the fifth Earl of Dysart; and Eliza died unmarried. But the father of these girls—David Lewis Esq., had by a second marriage a son Henry Griswold Lewis of Malvern Hall, who inherited the Malvern estate and Arms of Griswold. He married Charlotte Bridgeman, daughter of Lord Bradford, who died without issue.

The estate then passed to Lieutenant Colonel Edmund Meysey Griswold of the English Army, who held it until his death January 6th, 1833. The title then passed by a former marriage to his Uncle Henry Griswold of Malvern Hall, second son of the Rev. Henry Wigley M. A. of Pensham, Worcestershire County. About a month after the death of Col. Griswold, on February 8th, 1833, Henry Griswold assumed by sign manual the surname and arms of Griswold instead of his family name of Wigley. His descendants were still in possession of Malvern Hall when Stephen M. Griswold prepared his record of the Griswold family in 1872, from which source I gathered some of the foregoing material.

The specific line of descent of the Griswolds of Clinton Township, Wayne County, from the English Griswolds who were established at Solihull, Warwickshire, prior to 1400 is, however, unclear. This is a consequence of what Adeline Bartlett Allyn describes as the "malicious conduct of Abraham Brownson." In Black Hall Traditions and Reminiscences, Allyn gives an account of Matthew Griswold (b. 1620, settled in Windsor, Saybrook and Lyme, Connecticut; a brother of Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, Connecticut—the Griswold from whom the Griswolds of Clinton Township, Wayne County are descended) and his descendants. In that work, Allyn states (pp. 29-30):

We have told, in enumerating the children of Matthew Griswold, 1st, and Annah Wolcott, that their youngest daughter, Martha, married Lieut. Abraham Brownson, or Bronson. Now we will relate the story of how he conferred a great and irreparable injury to the family of Griswold, and deprived us of our rights in England, and all proofs of the English connections and origins.

We give the copy of an affidavit before William Ely, Justice of the peace, Nov. 15, 1699, by Henry Mervin, "that Bronson told him that he had a trunk of writings that were his father-in-law's which he said would vex his brother[in-law] Matthew Griswold very much. I [Mervin] told him [Bronson] that I [Mervin] had heard so--and I [Mervin] told him that I believed that there were some weighty concerns in those papers for money, either in this country or in England; he [Bronson] answered that there were some great concerns in them, and these were some papers that Griswold [Bronson's wife's brother] never knew of and never should." This concealment of title deeds to property was complained of to the General Court by Matthew Griswold in 1700.

Had these papers been found and recorded they would undoubtedly have thrown some light on the English ancestry of the Griswolds.

Matthew Griswold's loss of deeds was fatal to his claims in England. Hence, owing to the blind malice of Abraham Bronson, the English property was irretrievably lost, and with it all the family history connected with the transmission.

It is a mystery which has never been solved nor can any clue be found to it. What was the character of Bronson? What angered him against his brother-in-law, his wife's eldest brother and the head of the family? How the family papers came into his possession no one knows and probably no one ever will, in this world.

It is from Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, Connecticut, that the Griswolds of Clinton Township, Wayne County, are descended. In Black Hall Traditions and Reminiscences, Adeline Bartlett Allyn lists Michael Griswold as one of the five sons of George Griswold of Kenilworth, England. She states (pp. 17-18):

From a record in the State Library of Connecticut, at the Capital in Hartford, I find a record as follows:

"George Griswold of Kenilworth, England, had five sons born in England.

1. Thomas remained in England
2. Michael b. 1597, settled in Wethersfield Conn.
3. Edward b. 1607, settled in Windsor Conn. 1639
4. Francis, settled in Cambridge Mass.
5. Matthew b. 1620 settled in Windsor, Saybrook and Lyme Conn. This is Matthew, 1st.

II. Michael Griswold (1)²

That Michael Griswold is a son of George Griswold of Kenilworth, England, and that he, Michael, is a brother of Edward and Matthew Griswold are not universally accepted facts. In Volume II of The Griswold Family England—America, Glenn E. Griswold makes, for example, the following remarks regarding the relationship between Michael, Edward and Matthew Griswold (p. 166):

Much argument, speculation, and conjecture has been spread upon the records as to whether any relationship existed between Michael, Edward and Matthew Griswold. Extensive search has been made through the years and the compiler of this record has added to that search without result. It has been generally thought they were brothers but at the present time no authentic proof has been found to determine this question or to

support that theory. In fact, the records and circumstances rather tend to the contrary. Edward and Matthew were much alike in figure, ability, disposition, and business acumen; while Michael was very much unlike the general make up of the other two.

Search has been going forward in England to determine this and other questions but thus far nothing has been found.

The following rather comprehensive summary of the published and unpublished opinions regarding the relationship of Michael, Edward and Matthew Griswold is given by Ruth Lee Griswold in A Narrative of the Griswold Family From Thomas Griswold, Esq. of Wethersfield and Guilford 1695 (pp. 10-11):

The Connecticut Griswolds are descended from the brothers Edward and Matthew who came to Windsor in 1639, and from Michael, possibly another brother, who came to Wethersfield.

There has been no positive proof offered of the relationship of these three, but the Rev. F. W. Chapman, whose extensive research in Griswold Genealogy was never published, is quoted as having written, "I have documentary evidence that he was a brother of Edward and Matthew; also of Francis, who settled in Cambridge, Mass., and died without male heirs." 3

In this same connection Mr. B. Howell Griswold of Baltimore supplied the following note from papers of the late Rev. F. W. Chapman whose "genealogical labors will long preserve his name in memory." He said: "Michael Griswold of Wethersfield was undoubtedly a brother of Edward Griswold of Windsor and of Matthew of Lyme. He afterward removed to Killingworth and was one of the founders of that town. Isaac, a son of Michael, also settled at Killingworth and in a conveyance of land speaks of his Uncle Edward of the same place." To this Mr. B. H. Griswold adds, "I have not located the conveyance of land referred to in Mr. Chapman's statement. His son stated when I bought his father's manuscript that some important papers had been abstracted by a borrower and the copy may have been one of the missing papers." This statement seems to have been made in good faith.

Said Frank Farnsworth Starr on this subject "... Of the early Griswold family, Edward of Windsor, 1639-40, Matthew of Windsor and Saybrook 1639-40, Michael of Wethersfield 1640, Francis Grissell, Greshold or Gresshould of Cambridge and Charlestown 1639, it is claimed that Edward and Matthew were brothers but whether proof is positive I do not know. Michael is also claimed as brother and of Francis I am not informed. ["] Savage gives these different spellings of the name--Grissell, Grisill, Grisold, Gresold, Greshould, Griswold.

Mrs. E. E. Salisbury wrote in 1889 to Judge Adams—"In regard to Michael Griswold, Mr. Salisbury and I have for years been searching for the ancestry of Edward and Matthew, sons of George of Kenilworth (Co. Warwick, Eng.). The early records there are destroyed and the English family is extinct. Matthew owned a house and land which he left in the occupation of his brother Thomas. The education of the brothers and their high public and private status in the country give evidence that they belonged to the gentry of England but we can trace their pedigree no further."

Stiles in his history of Ancient Wethersfield quotes these two opinions and favors the latter.

Whether or not Michael, Edward and Matthew Griswold are siblings, whether or not Thomas and Francis Griswold are siblings of Michael, Edward and Matthew Griswold, a good deal of information is known about Michael Griswold, the first ancestor of the Griswolds of Clinton Township to arrive in America. The following information about Michael Griswold is reported by Glenn E. Griswold in Volume II of his history of the Griswold family (p. 166):

Michael came to New England; mason by trade and yeoman in rank. Owned lands in Wethersfield as early as 1640. Was the only freeman of the name in Wethersfield in 1659. Served as constable, assessor and appraiser of land. He was never prominent and apparently did not seek to be, and did not reach the success in life that came to Edward and Matthew. He evidently had the confidence of his neighbors; a steady individual, content to ply his trade, yet ever ready to assist in the community welfare. He was associated with Emanuel Buck in business for a time. Had a home and two acres on New Street, which street was abandoned 1660, so that his home was located as shown by the illustration facing [see p. 1] on what is now Garden Street.

General Court record, Feb. 23, 1659, he was freed from training but was to maintain watch and ward. John Riley in his will, May 13, 1674, Hartford probate records, mentions "my cousin Michael Griswold."

In Volume III of his history of the Griswold family, Glenn E. Griswold reports the following information about Michael Griswold (p. 191):

Michael was one of the earliest settlers of Wethersfield, or Watertown, as originally called; it was under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and the towns from which they sprang. The name was changed to Wethersfield about 1636. It was also under the jurisdiction of the church in Watertown, Mass., until such time as the settlers organized their own church in Wethersfield.

One session at least of the General Court was held in Watertown, on the Connecticut River, and it is interesting to note that at this session administration was granted on the estate of the murdered Oldham who led the first group of settlers to Wethersfield.

The exact time of Michael Griswold's arrival there is not known, but from subsequent data we believe he probably arrived with Emanuel Buck and John Riley. The records show a close intimacy between these men, and Michael is called a kinsman of Emanuel Buck. It is also shown that they were owners of land in common and associated in business together.

The will of John Riley 1674 mentions his brother Emanuel Buck; his brother John Belding; and his cousin Michael Griswold.

Michael owned considerable land, and his home lot which he gave to his wife Ann, then to his son Michael. There must have been a dwelling house with it, probably the original structure of the present Michael Griswold house, facing on Garden Street and later remodeled by his son Michael. This homelot was originally considered to have been on New Street just southwest of the present house, but later abandoned; and this bears out the contention that the present house and property was Michael's homelot.

Michael evidently held the respect of his neighbors. He was one of a committee to obtain a minister for their church 1665. Also served as constable, a post considered of great importance in those days. Also held the office of assessor and appraiser of lands.

It is not known who was the wife of Michael, but as there was such close association of Michael and Emanuel Buck, it would not be surprising if we found that she was the sister of Emanuel, had we the records from England showing this Buck family.

Michael Griswold and his wife, Ann, were the parents of nine children. Glenn E. Griswold gives the following information about the children of Michael and Ann Griswold in Volume II of his history of the Griswold family (p. 167): 4

Their children recorded in Wethersfield:

- 2 Thomas, b. Oct. 22, 1646.
- 3 Hester, b. May 8, 1648
- 4 Mary, b. Jan. 28, 1650
- 5 Michael, b. Feb. 14, 1652; d. inf.
- 6 Abigail, b. June 8, 1655.
- 7 Isaac, b. Sept. 1658.
- 8 Jacob, b. Apr. 15, 1660.
- 9 Sarah, b. Sept. 1662
- 10 Michael, b. Mar. 7, 1666/7.

Wethersfield, Conn. records; Stiles Ancient Wethersfield, II, 166; Conn. Colony records, Vol. I, 3, 44; II, 195, 198, 520.

Michael Griswold died on September 26, 1684. The following information about the estate of Michael Griswold is reported by Ruth Lee Griswold (pp. 13-14):

When he [Michael Griswold] died on Sept. 26, 1684 the inventory of his estate was taken by Samuel Talcott, Samuel Butler and Timothy Hide. He left an estate of £ 628-01-00 giving to his wife Ann the life use of his home lot, then to go to his son Michael. To his oldest son Thomas he gave the house where Thomas then lived, with the barn and 1 1/2 acres of land; with other pieces of land also. To his son Isaac he left half of the homestead bought of Luke Hitchcock, together with other lands. To his third son Jacob among other lands sixteen acres at "Two-Stone Brook" now Griswoldville, which was land given him by the Town in 1674, which with other land bought by Jacob has remained in the Griswold family to this day. This will probably drawn by Gershom Bulkely is recorded in Vol V p. 205 Hartford Probate Court Records, and his wife Ann was appointed by him as Executrix. In the event of her death before his he appointed "My oldest surviving son to be executor." A codicil was dated Sept. 22, 1684, Witness--John Buttolph, Eleazer Kimberly, Proven Dec. 18, 1684.

Ruth Lee Griswold reports, in addition, the following information about Michael Griswold in her history of the Griswold family published in 1931 (p. 13):

All this leads us to Michael Griswold who settled in Wethersfield and owned land there as early as 1640. He was the only "freeman" of that name in Wethersfield in 1659.

His cattle ear-mark is recorded: and he paid a fence tax in 1647.

He was constable, assessor and appraiser of lands.

He was a mason by trade, a yeoman in civil rank.

His house in Black Lane is still--part of it--in existence. His son Michael probably built the present house tho some attribute it to his later years.

He was born in England and was probably a young man when he came to this new land of adventure; also probably marrying after his arrival. His wife's name was Ann--the family name still being either utterly lacking or one of doubt.

As constable in Wethersfield, Michael Griswold was, as Ruth Lee Griswold reports, twice slandered by a one Katheran Harrison (p. 14):

It was during the period of the witchcraft craze that a Katheran Harrison accused of witchcraft wrote a petition to the court setting forth her sufferings. It is not perhaps surprising, but it is surely interesting to note that in her sense of wrong she should tell Michael Griswold that he "would hang her tho by so doing he damned a thousand souls; and as for his own soul it was damned long ago." For this Michael brought two suits for slander, and Katheran was adjudged to pay him 25 pounds and costs in one case and 15 pounds and costs in another.

III. Thomas Griswold (2)

Thomas Griswold is the oldest child of Michael and Ann Griswold. He was born on October 22, 1646 in Wethersfield, Connecticut. On November 28, 1672 he married Mary Howard who, we learn from Volume II of Glenn E. Griswold's history of the Griswold family, is the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Stone) Howard. Thomas and Mary Griswold were the parents of six children, about whom Glenn E. Griswold reports the following information (p. 167):

Children recorded in Wethersfield:

- 11 Thomas, b. Jan. 11, 1673.
- 12 Jacob, b. Feb. 5, 1675.
- 13 Isaac, b. Aug. 20, 1678 (Non compos).
- 14 Martha, b. 1682; d. 1684
- 15 Michael, b. Jan. 28, 1680
- 16 Samuel, b. Dec. 15, 1684

Wethersfield, Conn. records; Savage Gen. Dict., II, 471; Stiles Ancient Wethersfield, II, 395, 439.

Glenn E. Griswold gives the following information about Mary (Howard) Griswold's father, Henry Howard (p. 167): "Henry Howard was of Hartford and later of Wethersfield, Conn. Never was particularly prominent but a substantial citizen."

Mary (Howard) Griswold died on October 29, 1718, at the age of 71. She is interred in Wethersfield Cemetery, and the inscription on her tombstone reads as follows: "Here lies the body of Mary the wife of Thomas Grisild who deptd this life Oct. the 29th, 1718, ae 71 years." Glenn E. Griswold reports (p. 167) that Mary (Howard) Griswold is mentioned in her father's will, Hartford, Conn. probate, Vol. VIII, 1.

Ruth Lee Griswold gives the following information about Thomas Griswold (p. 14):

Thomas was a surveyor of highways 1675, constable 1690. His wife who died Oct. 29, 1718 ae 71 yrs. was the daughter of Henry Howard (Hayward) mentioned by Savage as of Hartford but later of Wethersfield where he married Sarah Stone, Sept. 28, 1648 (possibly a sister of Rev. Samuel Stone), and where all his children were born.

Thomas Griswold died on October 28, 1718.

IV. Samuel Griswold (16)

Samuel Griswold is the youngest child of Thomas and Mary (Howard) Griswold. He was born on December 15, 1684 in Wethersfield, Connecticut. On March 11, 1708, in Wethersfield, he married Mary Francis--b. May 26, 1689, daughter of Sgt. John and Mercy (Chittenden) Francis. Glenn E. Griswold reports, in Volume II of his history of the Griswold family, the following information about the family of Mary Francis (p. 181):

Sgt. John Francis was a man of considerable importance and consideration. Served as sargeant with the Colonial Troops. His estate, Hartford probate, Vol. VIII, 95, mentions Mary, wife of Samuel Griswold and daughter of said deceased.

From Glenn E. Griswold (Vol. II, p. 181), in addition, we learn that Samuel Griswold removed to Guilford about 1695, and that he there owned a farm in the Black Rock district.

Samuel and Mary (Francis) Griswold were the parents of fifteen children (Glenn E. Griswold, II, p. 181):

- 78 Mercy, b. July 27, bapt. Aug. 27, 1708.
- 79 Samuel, b. Feb. 7, bapt. 12th, 1709/10.
- 80 Lucy, bapt. Nov. 11, 1710; d. Feb. 17, 1712.
- 81 Jared, bapt. Jan. 11, 1712.
- 82 Lucy, bapt. Dec. 12, 1712.
- 83 David, bapt. Jan. 8, 1712/13.
- 84 Lucy, b. Dec. 8, 1714.
- 85 Nehemiah, b. Aug. 12, 1716.
- 86 Jeremiah, b. Feb. 8, bapt. 9th, 1717.
- 87 Moses, b. Nov. 2, 1719.
- 88 John, b. June 23, 1721. No other information.
- 89 Mary, b. June 25, 1723.
- 90 Manus, b. Sept. 4, 1727.
- 91 Aaron, bapt. Apr. 6, 1729.
- 92 Sarah, bapt. June 22, 1731.

Samuel Griswold's will is reprinted in Volume II of Glenn E. Griswold's history of the Griswold family. The complete text of that very interesting historical document is as follows (pp. 181-183):

I, Samuel Griswold, of Guilford, in the county of New Haven, in the Colony of Connecticut, altho I am now sick and weake, and expect to move out of this world in a short time, yet since through Divine Favour I have my reason, therefore think it my duty to make my will and settle my affairs.

But principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of my merciful creator hoping for a glorious resurrection.

I will and bequeath to my loving wife Mary Griswold the use and improvement of the one third part of all my buildings and lands during the term of her natural life and I give and grant to my said wife to be at her own free dispose the third part of my moveable estate.

My will is that what grain & provision that I leave shall be for the use of my family and not be inventoried and my will is that my executor thereafter named shall sell my old oxen and so much of the price

or value of them as may be found needful to supply my family with grain till the next crop cometh in, with what I have above given to my family shall be improved by the executrix to purchase graine with for the families use and the remainder of the price of sd. oxen shall be answer as far as that will go my just debts.

I will, give and grant, to my son Samuel Griswold and to his heirs forever, my dwelling house and barn and the one half (being the north side of the lands I live upon and is bounded west by the highway and east by the Homonosett river; northerly by Hezekiah Griswold and southerly by the remaining half or part of said lands).

I will, give and grant, to my son Jared and to his heirs forever, ten acres of that land (to be the south end thereof), that I bought of Corp. Samuel Buell (being in Killingworth bounds), and the remainder of sd. parcel of land, I give and grant to my sd. son Samuel, and to my sons, Nehemiah Griswold, Jeremiah Griswold, Moses Griswold, John Griswold, Manus Griswold, Aaron Griswold, to them and my sd. seven sons and their heirs forever, to be equally divided between them, my sd. seven sons.

I will give and grant to my sd. son Nehemiah & his heirs forever, three acres of land lying on the west side of the highway joining on the north by the land that is or was Searsaros, and easterly the sd. highway.

I will give and grant to my sd. son Jeremiah and his heirs forever my field of land lying eastward of the house that Mr. How lately sold to William Bartholomew; it containeth about seven acres, more or less, and is inclosed round with a fence.

I will give and grant to my sd. son Moses, and to his heirs forever, my next field that adjoineth that which I have given to Jeremiah and containeth about seven or eight acres and is bounded easterly by the fence that incloseth.

I will give and grant to my sd. son John, and his heirs forever, my next field & adjoineth on the north to that I have given my son Moses, and containeth about seven or eight acres and is also bounded by the fence that incloseth it.

I will give and grant to my son Manus, and his heirs forever, my lot at the place called the straights.

I will give and grant to my son Aaron, and to his heirs forever, the other one half or part of my land where I dwell, to be bounded northerly by that which I have given to Samuel, and easterly by the said river and westerly by the highway & southerly by Ephriam Squires land.

I will give and grant to my son Nehemiah, Jeremiah, Moses, John & Manus, and to their heirs forever, my piece of land containing about six acres, more or less, lying in Killingworth bounds & adjoineth to sd. river on the western side thereof to be equally divided between them, sd. Nehemiah, Jeremiah, Moses, John & Manus.

As to my daughter Mercy Crane, I have already given her the portion that I intended for her and I do confirm to her those goods I have heretofore put into her possession and which she now hath.

And I do hereby appoint my wife Mary to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament and do order that she shall pay my debts out of my moveable estate.

Any my will is & I do give and grant to my daughter Lucy Griswold, Mary Griswold, and Sarah Griswold, all the remainder of my moveable estate that shall remain when my wife hath taken our her thirds (which shall be first done), and when my debts are paid, then sd. moveables given to my sd. three daughters shall be by my sd. executrix equally divided between them, to Lucy, Mary and Sarah, and belong to them.

Declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament, I witness whereof, I have signed, sealed, and published these presents as such this the 22nd day of Nov. 1732.

James Wadsworth, Samuel Griswold.
Hezekiah Griswold,
David Latimore.

Records of Wethersfield, Guilford and Durham, Conn.; Stiles Ancient Wethersfield, II, 338; Wethersfield First Church Records; Rev. Stephen Mix Diary; Conn. Magazine, Vols. VII and VIII; Francis Fam., 122.

V. John Griswold (88)

John Griswold is the eleventh child of Samuel and Mary (Francis) Griswold. Very little is known about John Griswold. It is known that he was born on June 23, 1721, in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and that he inherited property in Wethersfield from his father, Samuel (see paragraphs 6, 10 and 13 of Samuel Griswold's will, above). John Griswold's wife's name is not yet known.

It is known, in addition, that John Griswold (88) and his wife were the parents of John Griswold (375A), who was born on October 15, 1754, and who, in October 1790 in Sandisfield, Massachusetts, married Elizabeth Crittenden. In his history of the Griswold family in England and America (Volume III, p. 206), Glenn E. Griswold lists John Griswold (375A) as the son of John Griswold (88), as follows:

375A. JOHN, b. in Norwich, Mass., Oct. 15, 1758 [sic] (John⁴, Samuel³, Thomas², Michael¹); m. in Sandisfield, Mass., Oct. 1790, ELIZABETH CRITTENDEN. Census record of 1800, Norwich shows self, wife, and four sons.

VI. John Griswold (375A)

John Griswold was born on October 15, 1754 in Norwich, Massachusetts. At the age of 18 he served in the Revolutionary War. Edna Pearl (Loomis) Loomis gives the following information about the military service of John Griswold in her 1955 book, Ancestry of Ora Loomis Russell [and] Edna Loomis Loomis [and] Descendants of Ora Loomis Russell (p. 81):

"[John Griswold] Appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Amos Rathbun's Co., Maj. Caleb Hyde's detachment of militia. Enlisted July 6, 1777; Discharged July 26, 1777. Time of service 19 days. Company marched to re-inforce Northern Army and was discharged 97 miles from home." Vol. 22; 124. "Appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Rathbun's Co., John Brown's (Colonel) detachment of militia. Enlisted Sept. 21, 1777; Discharged Oct. 14, 1777. Service 24 days. Company marched by request of General Gates." Vol. 3; 112 (Commonwealth of Mass. Office of the Sec., - Revolutionary War Service of John Griswold).

In Volume III of his history of the Griswold family, Glenn E. Griswold gives the following information about the military service of John Griswold (p. 206): "John served in the Revolution 1776; 1777, 4 mo. Capt. Murray, Col. Williams, and with Capt. John Catlin."

In Sandisfield, Massachusetts, in October 1790, John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden were married. "Removed to Bristol, Schoharie county, N. Y. Lived there about five years; then to Canaan, Wayne county, PA" (Glenn E. Griswold, III, p. 207). In his History of Wayne County, Phineas G. Goodrich gives the following information about the geographical movements of the John Griswold family (p. 325):

In the fall of 1813, John Griswold Sr., and some of his family came from Torrey lake, and put up a log-cabin on land adjoining that of Rufus Grinnell, and in January following, moved his family down on an ox-sled.

On September 6, 1920, the following history of the John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold family was read at Pioneer Day, Clinton Township, Wayne County: 5

HISTORY OF GRISWOLD'S PIONEER DAY

History of John and Elizabeth Griswold read at the Pioneer Observance, Clinton Centre, Monday, September 6, 1920.

We have come here to show our appreciation to a famous and illustrious pioneer of our country. Famous, in that he was one of those sturdy pioneers that founded our country - illustrious, for the honesty and integrity he has left to posterity. So today we have come here to dedicate this monument to his memory.

He was born in Granville, Hampshire County, Mass., 1754 and died October 16, 1843. In Oct. 1790 or '91, he was married to Elizabeth Crittenden at Sandisfield, Mass.

At the age of eighteen, July 8th, 1777, he enlisted in the Continental Army in Rathbun's Co., Major Caleb Hyde's detachment of Militia. They marched to reinforce the Northern Army. Again in the same Co., he was under the command of General Gates, and was honorably discharged for his service. And right we have to think that John Griswold belonged to those heroes that purchased liberty, although, he was not killed on the battle field.

About 1810 or '11, John Griswold and his family left their home in Mass. Their first stop was made at Butternut Plains, along the Hudson, but after spending some time there, they came to what is now known as Niagara and later they settled on the old Gaylord place in Clinton [specifically, in Aldenville; the Gaylord place later became the Remsen Homestead; the Gaylord-Remsen Homestead in Aldenville is presently the James Minor place] and began to clear the land. They were informed that this land belonged to someone else, so they moved on and settled on the farm now owned by Mr. Grunski. They reached here 110 years ago.

Their log cabin was built at the foot of the mountain where the old road was situated. They immediately set to work, clearing the land and setting out an orchard. The old road mentioned was the one traveled by Gen. Wayne. Some years later, John Griswold, with the help of his son Summer, built a new home.

He was also prominent in religious matters, being for many years a deacon in the Baptist Church. John Griswold, was a man of medium height, dignified bearing and a prominent person in his community. His wife was short of stature, with all the essentials of a pioneer. She was blind the last thirty years of her life. She lived to be a little past ninety.

The family moved from Mass. to Penna. with their possessions, in a heavy two-wheeled cart, drawn by four year-old steers. The mother rode the horse and the little colt followed. In the wilderness, they set to work to build their log cabin and to clear the land for crops. The trees at that time, were considered worthless and were burned. The pioneers often found the trees difficult to cut on account of their great size.

The wild animals still roamed through the forest and the early settlers had many encounters with these. Some families, having sheep took turns during the night watching from the windows of their log cabins to protect them from the wolves and bears, which might be searching for an early breakfast.

One day the three sons of John Griswold, Horace, aged 11 with his two younger brothers, Sumner and Sedate, were out playing in the forest, when they chanced to see an animal sunning itself by a fallen log. The boys discovered the animal was a panther and departed, in haste, for home.

Everyone was busy about the log cabin. The good housewife, spent her spare moments in spinning the wool and flax and weaving it into cloth. The family clothing and the household linen depended upon her nimble fingers. Some of the trees of the forest supplied them with coloring matter, such as walnut. Much ingenuity was shown in the weaving of their fine linens. Designs were sometimes woven in their tablecloths.

The early settlers found nature a bountiful provider in the line of fish and wild game. As soon as the land was ready they sowed the grain and planted the crops they needed for their own use. The sap of the maple trees, supplied them with sugar. The old sugar barrel belonging to John Griswold, is in good condition today and is owned by F. H. Curtis. The old canteen, another relic carried by John Griswold in the Revolutionary War, is at the home of Augusta Curtis. The silver knee buckle and powder flask are owned by William Griswold of Pine City, New York.

John Griswold took on horse-back the first grist of wheat which he raised and started for Wilkes-Barre, to have it ground. The first night he camped on the forks of a river, near the present site of Scranton. He caught enough fish for supper and breakfast. While eating his supper, he heard a slight noise and saw three deer coming toward the river. Then he shot the first one, a nice fat yearling. He dressed it and hung it on a limb of a tree near by.

The next morning, he continued his way to Wilkes-Barre. When the wheat was ground he started on his homeward journey, camping at the place where he left his deer in the morning. He strapped one of the hind quarters on the horse's back and departed for home. He reached home toward evening, where the anxious family were watching and waiting for his delayed return.

The names of his sons were as follows: John, Francis, Orrin, Sumner, Horace and Sedate. His descendants are many and are found in all parts of the United States.

Whether or not we ever trace our English forebears, we may be sure that these Old New England ancestors were men who lived for the ideals of justice and right, and were among those who came across the ocean in the pursuit of the principles that make life worth living, and that they were worthy of being kept fresh in the minds of their posterity.

John Griswold died on October 16, 1843, at the age of 89. Elizabeth Crittenden died on September 14, 1851, at the age of 90. Both are interred in Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery. Their graves are marked by two stones:

1. a natural flint conglomerate stone from the Moosic Mountain west of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, standing on a concrete foundation, to which is attached a bronze plaque with the following inscription:

JOHN GRISWOLD

A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

1777

BORN 1754 — DIED 1843

ELIZABETH CRITTENDEN

HIS WIFE

BORN 1761 — DIED 1851

ERECTED BY THEIR DESCENDENTS

1920

2. a stone slab lying flat in the ground in front of the natural flint conglomerate stone marking the graves of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden; this stone slab is inscribed as follows:

JOHN GRISWOLD,

Died

Oct. 16, 1843,

Æ. 89 y'rs.

ELIZABETH,

Wife of

JOHN GRISWOLD,

Died

Sept. 14, 1851,

Æ. 90 y'rs.

The John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold Natural Flint Conglomerate Stone in Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery: A Chronology

August 16, 1911

"A motion was made and carried that an inscription be placed on the tomb of John Griswold showing that he was a Revolutionary soldier. This our president volunteered to do."

Minutes of the Griswold Reunion 1911

August 20, 1919

"Motion made and carried that the reunion appoint a committee to erect a monument in memory of John Griswold to be dedicated Labor Day 1920..."

Committee for obtaining the monument for John Griswold

Fred Griswold
F. H. Curtis, Jr.
Mrs. W. E. Rude

Minutes of the Griswold Reunion 1919

August 18, 1920

"Moved and carried that a monument be procured and dedicated Labor Day Sept 6 1920 to the memory of John Griswold a Revolutionary War veteran."

The committee to obtain the monument to be: F. C. Griswold, F. H. Curtis, Jr., W. E. Rude, F. H. Curtis, F. E. Loomis, L. H. Arnold."

Minutes of the Griswold Reunion 1920

August 17, 1921

"The monument committee reported the monument secured and erected but tablet neither secured nor on the monument. Treasurer of com. reported \$50 collected for tablet on monument."

Motion made and carried that the same committee obtain the tablet and have it placed on the monument without delay."

Minutes of the Griswold Reunion 1921

August 16, 1922

"Monument Committee reported the tablet for the monument on its way and plans were made for having it placed on monument by Labor Day when fitting exercises would be held."

Minutes of the Griswold Reunion 1922

September 4, 1922

The Griswold Monument, with bronze plaque attached, is officially dedicated at Clinton Center's Pioneer Day, September 4, 1922. The following notice about that Pioneer Day celebration was published in The Wayne Independent:

CLINTON CENTER'S PIONEER DAY

The Pioneer or "Old Home Day" was observed as usual at the Clinton Baptist church with a good attendance. While it was rainy in the morning, it cleared and was beautiful sunny weather to gladden the large number present.

The fine dinner served by the ladies of the church was the greatest attraction from twelve o'clock, until all were supplied.

The first event of the day was the dedication of a newly erected conglomerate stone monument with a bronze tablet, in memory of John Griswold, a Revolutionary soldier, and ancestor of the Griswold families of Clinton. A very suitable address was given by George Curtis, whose mother, Mrs. Louisa Griswold Curtis, was a granddaughter of John Griswold. Mr. Curtis dwelt on the intense loyalty and patriotism of the American soldier, which not only made it possible for our country to obtain its independence in 1776, but in the several wars, 1812, Mexican, the Rebellion, Spanish-American and the so recent world contest, has been so efficient in support of the principles of freedom, that we are renowned as "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

From the cemetery, repairing to the church, exercises were interspersed by choir singing, under the enthusiastic leadership of Arthur Curtis, which always adds so much to the pleasure of the celebration. An address of welcome was given by Rev. F. A. Childs, pastor of the Aldenville and Clinton Baptist churches. The president referred to those who have passed on since the last meeting, especially, Myron Norton, who has been one of the most active members of the organization. Singing, Shall We Meet at the River?

Resolutions were passed that expressions of regret be sent to Rev. James Rainey, a former loved and respected pastor, Sheldon Norton, the originator of "Old Home Day" and to Mrs. Laura Loomis, expressing our sorrow that they were unable to be present, and tendering our good wishes for the future; also to Rev. George S. Wendell and Mrs. Wendell, with our sympathy in the trials they are enduring in the severe illness of their daughter.

The present officers were re-elected: E. M. Peck, president; Wm. P. Rude [should read "Wm. E. Rude"], vice president, Arthur Curtis and W. P. [sic] Rude for Clinton church; G. H. Knapp and George Gaylord, Aldenville church; E. H. Ledyard and G. H. Gaylord, Maple Grove; Claude Stanton, South Clinton, M. H. Gager and M. A. Loomis, Waymart church, for committee of general work of the organization.

Rev. James Pope, pastor of the South Clinton Baptist church, spoke of the sterling qualities possessed by the early settlers, and the loving memory in which they should and are held. Numerous recitations by Mrs. Margaret Rensen Rude were very pleasant reminders of former favors she has rendered. Rev. Frank A. Stanton, pastor of the Berean Baptist church of Carbondale, gave an address, especially emphasizing the necessity of being loyal and obedient to the laws of a country that has done so much for the uplift of the whole world. A couple of recitations by Emmons L. Peck were very pleasing.

The president had an old tin lantern, round and pointed at the top, full of punched holes, to let out the dim light of a "tallow dip," which is owned by Sheldon Norton. He also read the composition, "The old Tin Lantern, Battered, Rusty and Worn," written by Mr. Norton, which illustrated the place it had in the early days, when but little light was had. One of the most pleasing meetings in memory of the early settlers of Clinton was closed by prayer and benediction by Rev. Mr. Stanton.

The children of John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold are listed by Glenn E. Griswold in Volume III (p. 207) of his history of the Griswold family as follows:

- 838 John, b. July 9, 1792
- 839 Francis, b. Nov. 14, 1793
- 840 Orrin, b. Apr. 19, 1796
- 841 Sumner, b. Aug. 20, 1798
- 842 Horace, b. Nov. 15, 1800
- 843 Sedate, b. Oct. 1, 1802

Huntington, and Sandisfield, Mass., records; Census records; U. S. pension records of John and Elizabeth.

Here follows a listing of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. Preceding the name of each of the children of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden is a Roman numeral (I, II, III, etc.). Preceding the name of each grandchild is an upper case letter of the Roman alphabet (A, B, C, etc.). Preceding the name of each great, grandchild is an Arabic numeral (1, 2, 3, etc.). Preceding the name of each great, great, grandchild is a lower case letter of the Roman alphabet (a, b, c, etc.). Preceding the name of each great, great, great, grandchild is the following mark (—). Preceding the name of each great, great, great, great, grandchild is the following mark (.).



MICHAEL GRISWOLD HOUSE, WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

This representation of the Michael Griswold house in Wethersfield, Connecticut, is given on the page facing page 166 in Volume II of Glenn E. Griswold's The Griswold Family England — America Edward of Windsor, Connecticut Francis of Cambridge, Massachusetts Matthew of Lyme, Connecticut Michael of Wethersfield, Massachusetts. A photograph of the same house is given facing page 13 in A Narrative of the Griswold Family From Thomas Griswold Esq. re of Wethersfield and Guilford 1695. by Ruth Lee Griswold. The caption on the photograph in the Ruth Lee Griswold book is as follows: "The Michael Griswold House, Wethersfield Attributed to Michael Griswold II. The II is part of the original house built by his father Michael Griswold I." The caption on the representation in Glenn E. Griswold's book is the one that is given below that representation above.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DESCENDANTS
OF JOHN GRISWOLD AND ELIZABETH
CRITTENDEN:

- I. JOHN GRISWOLD (838) (b. 07-09-1792)
m. Louisa Johnson
- A. J. C. Griswold
- B. William B. Griswold (Pine City, NY)
- II. FRANCIS GRISWOLD (839) ⁶ (11-14-1793, near Norwich, MA--09-08-1869, Clinton, PA; interred Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery, hereinafter "CCBCC")
m. on 03-20-1821 to Jane Loomis (03-11-1792, Torrington, CT--03-19-1881, Clinton, PA, interred CCBCC)
- A. Louis Griswold (1686) (01-31-1822, Clinton, PA--01-06-1832, Clinton, PA)
- B. Alvin Griswold (1687) (04-22-1824, Clinton, PA--09--1849, Clinton, PA)
- C. Laura Griswold (1688) ⁷ (07-07-1826, Clinton, PA--03-25-1924, Clinton, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. on 05-20-1846 in Aldenville, PA, to Hiram Pease Loomis (12-09-1819, Pleasant Mount, PA--08-27-1900, Clinton, PA; interred CCBCC)
1. Theron Orsemus Loomis ⁸ (02-25-1848, Clinton, PA--02-26-1911, Carbondale, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. on 03-24-1880 in Clinton, PA, to Mary Emma Squire (09-30-1854, Clinton, PA--01-20-1948, Fell Twp., PA; interred CCBCC)
- a. Ora Esmarilda Loomis ⁹ (08-17-1881, Clinton, PA--11-18-1954, Fell Twp., PA; interred Valley View Cemetery, Montdale, PA)
m. on 04-10-1907 at 161 Lincoln Ave., Carbondale, PA, by Rev. Henry J. Whalen to William Anderson Russell (09-03-1871, Fell Twp., PA--02-05-1958, Fell Twp., PA; interred Valley View Cemetery, Montdale, PA)
- Martha Jeanette Russell (04-16-1908, Fell Twp., PA--04-16-1908, Fell Twp., PA; interred Maplewood Cemetery, Carbondale, PA)
- Margaret Louise Russell ¹⁰ (06-09-1910, Fell Twp., PA--04-22-1974, Jermyn, PA; interred Valley View Cemetery, Montdale, PA)
m. on 08-04-1937 at Russell Homestead, Carbondale, PA, by Rev. George Robert Ellin, S.T.B., to Albert Wesley Winter (07-06-1908, Jermyn, PA--06-13-1964, Jermyn, PA; interred Valley View Cemetery, Montdale, PA)
- . Margaret Louise Winter (b. 08-01-1940, Carbondale, PA)
- . Elizabeth Ann Winter ¹¹ (b. 06-25-1943, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 02-11-1966 in Rochester, NY, to Samuel James Montello (b. 11-18-1940, Rochester, NY)
- Christopher Winter Montello (b. 08-25-1969, Rochester, NY)
- David Winter Montello (b. 02-19-1971, Rochester, NY)
- Helen Loomis Russell ¹² (b. 06-29-1913, Fell Twp., PA)
m. on 04-10-1937 at Russell Homestead, Carbondale, PA, by Rev. George Robert Ellin, S.T.B., to Walter Silas Powell (b. 01-12-1913, Scranton, PA)
- . Walter William Powell (08-11-1939, Carbondale, PA--08-30-1941, Fell Twp., PA; interred Valley View Cemetery, Montdale, PA)
- . James Russell Powell (02-07-1941, Carbondale, PA--03-22-1955, Fell Twp., PA; interred Valley View Cemetery, Montdale, PA)
- . Donald Walter Powell (b. 12-12-1943, Carbondale, PA)
- . Silas Robert Powell (b. 12-12-1943, Carbondale, PA)
- . Russell Thomas Powell ¹³ (b. 07-22-1946, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 10-08-1966 at Berean Baptist Church, Carbondale, PA, by Rev. Arthur W. Meneely to Ann Marie Swindlehurst (b. 11-29-1947, Carbondale, PA)
- Laura Lynn Powell (b. 05-22-1967, Bainbridge, MD)
- April Ann Powell (b. 11-07-1968, Scranton, PA)
- William Russell Powell (b. 11-11-1970, Scranton, PA)
- b. Edna Pearl Loomis ¹⁴ (12-29-1885, Clinton, PA--07-04-1976, Highland Park, MI; interred Woodlawn Cemetery, Highland Park, MI)
m. on 07-20-1938 at Ocean Park, ME, by, and in the home of, Rev. W. D. Golightly, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, to LeRoy Bessey Loomis (10-21-1887, Hicks, NY--12-25-1958, Highland Park, MI; interred Woodlawn Cemetery, Highland Park, MI)
- Fra Edna Loomis (stepdaughter of Edna Pearl Loomis) (b. 12-25-1909)

2. Oliver Grove Loomis (04-16-1857, Clinton, PA--04-23-1862, Clinton, PA; interred CCBCC)
3. Helen Annette Loomis (02-21-1860, Clinton, PA--11-17-1860, Clinton, PA; interred CCBCC)
4. Francis Earl Loomis ¹⁵ (12-17-1861, Clinton, PA--09-30-1922, Clinton, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. on 02-26-1891 to Mary Paynter (01-25-1872--02-26-1935, Clinton, PA; interred CCBCC)
- a. Flora Lillian Loomis (04-17-1892, Waymart, PA--01-16-1933, Hollisterville, PA; interred Hollisterville Cemetery)
m. on 09-09-1920 at Francis Loomis house, Clinton, PA, to Clarence Winfield Brown (03-19-1891, Hollisterville, PA--01-07-1957, Castle Point, NY; interred Hollisterville Cemetery)
- Robert Earl Brown (b. 05-21-1924, Hollisterville, PA)
m. on 06-09-1951 in Madisonville Christian Church, Madisonville, PA, to Esther June Schreck (b. 07-11-1928, Madisonville, PA)
- . David Robert Brown (b. 11-08-1952, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, NY)
m. on 08-17-1974 in Moscow, PA, to Karen Lorraine Gromlich (b. 05-08-1952, Scranton, PA)
- Robert Thomas Brown (b. 11-11-1979, Fairbanks, AK)
- . Deborah Elouise Brown (b. 05-24-1955, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, NY)
- . Nancy Lynn Brown (b. 10-10-1956, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, NY)
- b. Herbert Clark Loomis (03-30-1894, Clinton, PA--07-06-1969, Tunkhannock, PA; interred CCBCC)
m., first, on 06-23-1915 to Eva May Thompson (b. 03-25-1898)
m., second, in 1930, to Edith Thomas
m., third, on 12-05-1949 in Tunkhannock, PA, to Elizabeth Cecelia Reiner (b. 09-23-1909)
- Harold Thompson Loomis (b. 05-24-1916, Carbondale, PA)
- Clarence Earl Loomis (b. 08-28-1922, Waymart, PA)
m., first, on 12-28-1944, in Chicago, to LaVerne Zelenko
m., second, Thelma Rutledge (07-09-1930--09-20-1978, Hope Valley, RI)
m., third, Ruth Oliver
- . Patricia Ann Loomis (b. 10-03-1945, Chicago, IL)
m. on 06-19-1970 in Waukegan, IL, to Sam Joseph Salerno (b. Kenosha, WI)
- Kimberly Lynn Salerno
- Trisha Ann Salerno
- . Michael David Loomis (b. 03-26-1951)
- . Phillip Clark Loomis (b. 12-26-1957, in CA)
m. Carolyn Wilcox
- c. Nettie E. Loomis (06-24-1895, Clinton, PA--04-01-1958, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada)
m. on 10-14-1926 in China to Dr. John Edgar Graham (b. in Canada)
- Edgar Paul Graham (1928-1933; interred in China)
- Dorothy Joyce Graham (b. 12-20-1934)
- d. Floyd Daniel Loomis (09-14-1897, Clinton, PA--05-15-1975, Easton, PA)
m. on 09-25-1931 at Forks Twp., PA, to Helen Hess Miller (b. 11-22-1898, Easton, PA)
- Robert Edgar Loomis (b. 09-16-1935, Forks Twp., PA)
m. on 02-27-1957 at Easton, PA, to Carol Ann Salisbury (b. 08-01-1938, Wilson Boro, PA)
- . Sally Ann Loomis (b. 09-29-1957, Harrisburg, PA)
m. on 05-31-1975 at Pottstown, PA, to Donald Thomas Bechtel (b. 11-26-1957)
- Joshua Thomas Bechtel (b. 10-07-1975, Pottstown, PA)
- . Julie Anne Loomis (b. 01-27-1961, Harrisburg, PA)
- . Robert Daniel Loomis (b. 03-13-1962, Harrisburg, PA)
- . Pamela Elizabeth Loomis (b. 08-20-1967, Philadelphia, PA)
- . Matthew Jesse Loomis (b. 08-20-1967, Philadelphia, PA)

- e. Laura A. Loomis (b. 09-02-1899, Clinton, PA)
m. on 03-27-1922 to Walter F. Rude (08-02-1901, Clinton, PA--04-12-1971; interred CCBCC)
- Walter Elwin Rude (02-15-1923--03-19-1923)
- Eleanor Maxine Rude (b. 03-16-1924)
- . Ann Marie Rude (b. 02-11-1950)
m. on 01-20-1970 to Clarence Gerald Tyler (b. 10-08-1942)
- Mary Katherine Tyler (b. 02-04-1971)
- . Mary Jane Rude (b. 02-11-1950)
m. on 11-23-1968 to William Schermerhorn (b. 10-31-1936)
- Jill Ann Schermerhorn (b. 10-05-1969)
- Amy Sue Schermerhorn (b. 10-10-1970)
- Laura Marie Schermerhorn (b. 12-05-1971)
- Floyd Nelson Rude (b. 09-14-1927)
m., first, Mildred Fredo
m., second, on 04--1957 to Naomi Durst
- . Jack Martin Rude (b. 05-17-1953)
m. Joanne Pastore
- . Thomas Nelson Rude (b. 11-21-1957)
m. Elizabeth Arthur
- Thomas Rude (b. 09-01-1975)
- Kevin Rude (05-16-1978)
- . Robert Allen Rude (b. 04-07-1959)
- Helen Frances Rude (b. 10-27-1931)
m. on 04--1958 to L. Charles Kelleher
- . Charlene Faye Kelleher (b. 10-10-1958)
- . Michael Raymond Kelleher (03-17-1959--11--1974)
- . Cynthia Karen Kelleher (b. 02-04-1960)
- . Patricia Kelleher (b. 06-18-1964)
- . Bruce Robert Kelleher (b. 09-13-1967)
- f. E. Russell Loomis (08-15-1901, Clinton, PA--02-19-1969, Jermyn, PA)
m., first, in 1929, to Marian Snedeker (d. 04-14-1955)
m., second, Jean Waters (d. 02-28-1972)
- Joan Ellen Loomis (b. 12-30-1933)
m. Robert E. Schenkel
- . Arthur
- g. Raymond R. Loomis (05-12-1907, Clinton, PA--11-08-1962, La Anna, PA)
m. in 1930 to Cecelia Owens
- James Russell Loomis (b. 08-07-1931)
m. on 09-18-1954 to Ruth Carroll
- . Carol Mary Loomis (b. 04-13-1955)
m. on 04-13-1975 to Stephen Allen Michaud
- Stephen Joseph Michaud (b. 11-04-1976)
- . Paul Russell Loomis (b. 07-22-1958)
- . Michael Loomis (b. 02-15-1960)
- . Jean Marie Loomis (b. 06-18-1964)
- Mary Louise Loomis (b. 11-08-1936)
m. on 10-23-1954 to Franklin Barnes
- . David Allen Barnes (b. 10-31-1959)
- . James Howard Barnes (b. 11-03-1961)
- . Cynthia Louise Barnes (b. 11-18-1964)
- Donald Eugene Loomis (b. 09-13-1952)
m. on 06-07-1975 to Carol Zane
- . Christy Lynn Loomis (b. 01-19-1973)
- . Raymond William Loomis (b. 11-23-1975)
- . Randolph John Loomis (b. 08-29-1977)
- . Russell Nelson Loomis (b. 08-29-1977)
- Patricia Catherine Loomis (b. 01-15-1954)
m. on 08-26-1972 to Frank Meredith
- . Tracy Ann Meredith (b. 10-09-1974)
- . Kevin Meredith (b. 12-03-1977)

- h. Nelson Earl Loomis (09-14-1911, Clinton, PA--03-24-1966, Colebrook, CT)
m. on 03-13-1937 in White Plains, NY, to Hilda Blanche Bates (b. 12-30-1914, Dyberry, PA)
- William Paynter Loomis (b. 10-31-1944, Orange, NJ)
m. on 10-06-1973 in Faircrest, WA, to Martha Jean Rotsoik (b. 02-08-1947, Minneapolis, MN)
- Clarice Rebecca Le Anna (b. 05-03-1969, Honolulu, HI)
- Jessica Lane Le Anna (b. 01-29-1971, Honolulu, HI)
- Rachel Joy Loomis (b. 09-30-1975, Burien, WA)
- Emily Ardath Loomis (b. 07-01-1978, Enumclaw, WA)
- Carolyn Elizabeth Loomis (b. 12-10-1940, Orange, NJ)
m., first, in Armenia, NY, on 12-31-1960 to Donald Griffin
m., second, in Colebrook, CT, on 10-21-1972 to Frederick Ramond Sokolik (b. 10-31-1931, Torrington, CT)
- Colin Wayne Griffin (b. 08-02-1961, Winsted, CT)
- Diane Marci Griffin (b. 08-31-1962, Winsted, CT)
- Timothy Michael Griffin (b. 02-13-1965)
- D. Louisa Griswold (1689)¹⁶ (11-02-1828, Clinton, PA--05-08-1912, Clinton, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. on 04-21-1851 to Henry Banning Curtis (01-01-1825--02-12-1907, Clinton, PA; interred CCBCC)
1. Elizabeth Jane Curtis (08-25-1852, Clinton, PA--10-12-1913, Clinton, PA)
m. on 05-04-1876 to Albert Corey
- a. Arthur Byron Corey (04-21-1877, Clinton, PA--03-15-1957; interred CCBCC)
m. Nellie Todd (1886--03-02-1958; interred CCBCC)
- Elizabeth Corey (b. 10-15-1914)
m. on 06-27-1936 to Charles Burton Geuther (b. 07-04-1912, Philadelphia, PA)
- Shirley Frances Geuther (b. 08-26-1937)
m. on 08-01-1971 to Richard Fischer
- Carol Roberta Geuther (b. 02-03-1940)
m. on 07-05-1959 to Clarence Kilmer, Jr. (b. 03-03-1938)
- Kevin Allen Kilmer (b. 03-03-1960)
- Joel Mark Kilmer (b. 06-08-1962)
- Darlene Marie Kilmer (b. 12-11-1963)
m. on 09-06-1980 to Albert Valshinas (b. 08-06-1957)
- Daniel Shawn Kilmer (b. 04-04-1968)
- Eric Scott Kilmer (b. 12-05-1971)
- Melissa Jane Kilmer (b. 09-03-1975)
- Robert Karl Geuther (b. 09-19-1941)
m. on 07-29-1967 to Rebecca Leah Mead (b. 04-05-1946)
- Rachel Lee Geuther (b. 08-27-1968)
- Bonnie Kim Geuther (b. 07-28-1969)
- Dale Robert Geuther (b. 08-24-1970)
- Andrew Bert Geuther (b. 08-17-1974)
- Janet Lynn Geuther (b. 04-12-1977)
- Elaine Marilyn Geuther (b. 08-02-1944)
m. on 08-20-1963 to George Francis Quigley (b. 06-01-1935)
- Patricia Ann Quigley (b. 03-17-1966)
- Richard Charles Quigley (b. 03-30-1974)
- Georgette Elaine Quigley (b. 01-19-1976)
- Susan Marie Quigley (b. 03-20-1979)
- Kathryn Jane Geuther (b. 08-14-1947)
m. on 02-04-1967 to Frederick Gill (b. 11-19-1946)
- Frederick Charles Gill (b. 10-04-1967)
- Kenneth Brian Gill (b. 01-22-1969)
- Tammy Faith Gill (b. 07-16-1977)
- Esther Linda Geuther (b. 07-21-1950)
m. on 12-09-1967 to Paul Kutch (b. 04-21-1944)
- Paula Lynn Kutch (b. 09-27-1970)
- James Paul Kutch (11-23-1972--11-26-1972)
- Jennifer Lee Kutch (b. 05-18-1975)
- Adam Charles Kutch (b. 08-03-1976)
- Frances Corey
m. Clarence Osborne
- Nelson Corey
m. Margaret
- Nelson Corey
- Marie Corey (b. 02-21-1953)
- b. Henry Curtis Corey (09-25-1878, Union Dale, PA--09-25-1945, Herrick Center, PA; interred Rounds Cemetery, Union Dale, PA)
m. on 09-21-1908 at Orson, PA, to Ina Minnie Russell (10-03-1889, Afton, NY--04-17-1980, Carbondale, PA; interred Rounds Cemetery, Union Dale, PA)
Note: After Henry Curtis Corey died in 1945, Ina married Leonard Smith.
- Emma Russell Corey (06-03-1910, Herrick Center, PA--11-12-1967, Philadelphia, PA; interred Rounds Cemetery, Union Dale, PA)
m. on 07-05-1939 at Union Dale, PA, to John Petrus (b. 07-13-1897, Forest City, PA)
- Leon Edmond Corey (b. 11-04-1912, Herrick Center, PA)
m., first, on 11-14-1955 at Dillon, SC, to Pauline Melnick (06-25-1911, Ukraine--11-03-1973, Port Jervis, NY; interred Rounds Cemetery, Union Dale, PA)
m., second, on 08-11-1979 at Port Jervis, NY, to Maria De Lourdes Nunez (b. 08-11-1935, Vieques, PR)
- Orson Henry Corey (b. 05-08-1916, Herrick Center, PA)
m. on 04-15-1942 at Fredericksburg, MD, to Olive Armillie Decker (b. 01-25-1923, Lenoxville, PA)
- Orson Eugene Corey (b. 06-07-1943, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 08-15-1969 at Union Dale, PA, to Karen Elizabeth Foster (b. 10-09-1945, Carbondale, PA)
- Tirzah Holli-Jean Corey (b. 12-23-1972, Susquehanna, PA)
- Krista Armillie Corey (b. 05-28-1976, Susquehanna, PA)
- Jessica Luci Corey (b. 06-26-1978, Susquehanna, PA)
- Desmond Lee Corey (b. 08-03-1945, Carbondale, PA)
m., first, on 08-13-1966 at Union Dale, PA, to Benita Ann Burns (b. 09-01-1947)
m., second, on 11-04-1978 at Union Dale, PA, to Linda Lee Johnson (b. 12-23-1948, Brooklyn, NY)
- Desmond Lee Corey, Jr. (b. 08-30-1968)
- Virginia Marie Corey (b. 08-21-1970)
- Marjorie Helen Corey (b. 07-06-1919, Herrick Center, PA)
m. on 03-19-1941 at Baltimore, MD, to Charles Harry Wildenberg (b. 05-24-1914, Carbondale, PA)
- Henry Charles Wildenberg (b. 02-14-1942, Carbondale, PA)
m., first, on 04-17-1964 to Wanda Ann Garrett (b. 06-07-1942)
m., second, on 01-07-1978 at Garfield, NJ, to Patricia Marian Wallace (b. 09-12-1953, Passaic, NJ)
- Kevin Lynn Rice (b. 02-04-1963, Wichita Falls, TX)
- James Keith Wildenberg (b. 02-28-1965, Dyersburg, TN)
- Nicole Ann Wildenberg (b. 12-27-1969, Carbondale, PA)
- Raina Beth Wildenberg (b. 03-25-1980, Carbondale, PA)
- James Thomas Wildenberg (03-12-1943, Carbondale, PA--08-15-1944, Carbondale, PA; interred Rounds Cemetery, Union Dale, PA)
- Patricia Louise Wildenberg (b. 10-09-1945, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 06-03-1968 in Essex, MD, to Russell Merwin Peltz (b. 07-20-1942, Orson, PA)
- Russell Merwin Peltz, Jr. (b. 10-15-1972, Carbondale, PA)
- Stephanie Marie Peltz (b. 12-09-1973, Carbondale, PA)
- Dorothy Esther Corey (b. 01-22-1922, Herrick Center, PA)
m. on 05-22-1942 at Carbondale, PA, to William Francis Ogden (b. 02-29-1920, Carbondale, PA)
- Gloria Sue Ogden (b. 08-13-1944, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 02-14-1970 at Carbondale, PA, to Jackie Thurman Shepherd (b. 05-17-1945, Dwaile, KY)
- Justine Lee Shepherd (b. 07-27-1968, Carbondale, PA)
- Laura Ann Shepherd (b. 06-14-1971, Carbondale, PA)
- Sandra Ann Ogden (b. 10-18-1950, Scranton, PA)
m. on 10-02-1971 at Carbondale, PA, to Robert Joseph Penzone (b. 03-03-1950, Carbondale, PA)
- Cynthia Ann Penzone (b. 10-22-1975, Carbondale, PA)
- Robert Joseph Penzone, Jr. (b. 11-08-1978, Carbondale, PA)
- William Francis Ogden, Jr. (b. 06-09-1953, Scranton, PA)
m. on 06-17-1976 at Simpson, PA, to Paula Korba (b. 01-08-1957, Carbondale, PA)
- Evelyn Thelma Corey (b. 09-16-1924, Herrick Center, PA)
m. on 11-16-1946 at Union Dale, PA, to Leon Eldred Waters (b. 10-06-1918, Laurens, NY)
- Leon Eldred Waters, Jr. (11-10-1947, Oneonta, NY--02-24-1968, Vietnam; interred Milford Center Cemetery, Milford Center, NY)
- Fred Corey Waters (b. 01-26-1950, Oneonta, NY)
- c. Charles Banning Corey (04-08-1886--03-17-1975)
m. Laura Kennedy
- Josephine (d. 08-09-1980)
m. Larry Downey
- d. Louisa May Corey (03-09-1889--04-06-1979; interred Old Colonial Mausoleum, Union Dale, PA)
m. Henry L. Bayless (d. 11-11-1978; interred Old Colonial Mausoleum, Union Dale, PA) in Albert Corey House, Union Dale, PA
- Clyde A. Bayless
m. on 11-13-1937 to Helen Price
- Jean Bayless (b. 03-1939)
m. on 10-05-1959 to James Widenmyer
- Debra Jean Widenmyer
- Carla David
- Carol Louise Bayless (b. 03-19-1941)
m. on 06-06-1964 to William Bracker
- William Bayless Bracker (b. 05-02-1969)
- Grace Vida Bayless
m., first, Thomas Johnson
m., second, Robert DeWitt
m., third, on 08-12-1961 to Melvin Short
- Cheryn Louise Johnson (b. 01-14-1945)
m., first, on 05-14-1966 to Douglas Black
m., second, on 02-14-1976 to Larry Buckingham
- Leslie Louise Black (b. 08-31-1970)
- Laura Lynn Buckingham (b. 12-23-1978)
- Robert Henry DeWitt (b. 10-14-1947)
m. on 06-24-1972 to Mary Patricia Dougherty
- Kimberly Ann DeWitt (b. 07-23-1977)

- . Donna Ruth DeWitt (b. 05-06-1950)
m., first, Ronald Pappas
m., second, in 1973, to Charles
Lacinsky
- Lisa Michelle Pappas (b. 04-
11-1971)
- Ronald Pappas, Jr. (b. 03-
27-1971)
- Stephen (b. 05-02-)
- . Melvin Short, Jr. (b. 09-02-1962)
- e. Grace Isabel Corey (b. 12-09-1895)
m. in 1921 to John DeWolf (d. 10-15-
1940)
- Mary Louise DeWolf
- Allen Curtis DeWolf (b. 1925)
m. on 11-25-1958 to Lillian Saper-
alla
- John DeWolf, Jr.
- James Lewis DeWolf
- 2. Francis Henry Curtis (01-07-1855, Clinton,
PA--04-30-1945, Clinton, PA; interred
CCBCC)
m. on 05-01-1888 to Emily Irene Rena Stan-
ton (03-08-1866--05-12-1933, Clinton, PA;
interred CCBCC)
- a. Francis Henry Curtis, Jr. (11-24-1891--
07-10-1969; interred in Sterling Ceme-
tery, Sterling, PA)
m. on 06-12-1915 to Letha Crossman
(d. 01-03-1953; interred Sterling
Cemetery, Sterling, PA)
- Evelyn Letha Curtis (09-20-1916--
02-16-1970; interred in Sterling
Cemetery, Sterling, PA)
- Donald Francis Curtis (07-26-1918--
05-18-1966; interred in Sterling
Cemetery, Sterling, PA)
- Ralph Kendall Curtis (b. 09-11-1920)
m. in 1947 at Honeoye, NY, to Marie
McMillan Allen)
- . Daniel Lee Curtis (03-04-1951--
01-27-1971; interred at Sterling,
PA)
- . Carl Darrow Curtis (b. 06-14-1953)
m. on 10-22-1977 at Barnesville,
OH, to Kristin Stewart Morton)
- Jason Alexander Curtis (b. 01-
24-1979)
- . Timothy Allen Curtis (b. 06-26-
1957)
- Marvin Douglas Curtis (b. 03-17-
1924)
- Bernice Winifred Curtis (b. 12-06-
1926)
m. in 1948 to James Dolan
- . Donna Lee Dolan (b. 05-06-1949)
m. on 09-01-1973 to Glen Hoster-
man, Jr.
- . James Francis Dolan (b. 01-11-
1951)
m., first, on 07-03-1970 to
Adelia Fields
m., second, on 08-28-1976 to
Debby Gibhardt
- Ian Christian Dolan (b. 02-
02-1971)
- Joshua James Dolan (b. 04-
26-1973)
- Eugene Sanford Curtis (1929-1931)
- Samuel Melvin Curtis (b. 07-06-1932)
m. on 08-06-1960 to Joan Louise
Brenneman
- . Karen Elaine Curtis (b. 02-19-
1966)
- . Douglass Arden Curtis (b. 05-20-
1968)
- . Bao Kevin Curtis (b. 11-18-1969)
- Francis Henry Curtis III (b. 03-21-
1934)
m. on 07-04-1959 to Ann Louise Franc
- . Kyra Jo Curtis (b. 12-09-1964)
- . Francis Henry Curtis IV (b. 05-
07-1967)
- Carroll Arden Curtis (b. 12-30-1936)
m. on 08-16-1958 to Virginia Uhl
- . Jeffry Scott Curtis (b. 06-15-
1960)
- . Wayne Roger Curtis (b. 03-02-
1962)
- . Kenneth Aaron Curtis (b. 11-12-
1966)
- . Keith Allen Curtis (b. 11-12-
1966)

- b. Carrie Inez Curtis (04-13-1893--03-16-
1975; interred CCBCC)
m. on 11-01-1917 to Mervin Henry Loomis
(12-09-1888--08-31-1973; interred CCBCC)
- Kenneth Curtis Loomis (08-31-1918--
11-13-1966; interred at Forest City,
PA)
m. on 07-03-1944 to Mary Woodyshek
(b. 08-24-1924) (Mary Woodyshek
Loomis is now Mary Rebernick of
Vandling, PA)
- . Joseph Kenneth Loomis (b. 10-08-
1945)
m., first, on 09-19-1964 to Mary
Margaret Banuat
m., second, on 11-02-1974 to
Patricia Pankowitz (b. 01-17-
1949)
- Joseph Kenneth Loomis, Jr.
(b. 02-14-1965)
- Margaret Mary Loomis (b. 03-
12-1966)
- Diana Michelle Loomis (b. 08-
18-1975)
- Beverly Ann Loomis (b. 05-
19-1978)
- . Margretta Marie Loomis (b. 06-12-
1947)
m. on 03-11-1967 to William Peter-
lin (b. 05-08-1947)
- Kimberly Ann Peterlin (b. 04-
13-1970)
- William Michael Peterlin
(b. 05-22-1971)
- *Kenneth Joseph Peterlin
(b. 05-01-1976)
- Amy Michelle Peterlin
(b. 03-04-1978)
- Gertrude Irene Loomis (b. 09-15-1921)
m. on 10-03-1942 at Maple Grove
Church to Henry H. Schaffer (b. 05-
26-1917)
- . Gertrude Louise Schaffer (b. 09-
18-1943)
m. on 03-06-1965 to Michael Ed-
ward Lonzinski (b. 01-23-1947)
- Laura Louise Lonzinski (b. 09-
25-1965)
- Scott Alan Lonzinski (b. 06-
01-1980)
- Edward Michael Lonzinski
(b. 07-14-1967)
- Thomas John Lonzinski (b. 12-
24-1970)
- . Henry David Schaffer (b. 05-14-
1945)
m. on 12-04-1966 to Pearl Char-
lotte Connelly (b. 12-02-1944)
- Henry David Schaffer, Jr. (b. 06-
30-1971)
- Christina Marie Schaffer (b. 12-
20-1976)
- Cynthia Ann Schaffer (b. 04-05-
1978)
- . Carol Virginia Schaffer (b. 07-11-
1949)
m. on 04-08-1967 to Clark Warner
(b. 03-04-1943)
- Karen Sue Warner (b. 07-25-1967)
- Julie Ann Warner (b. 01-20-
1971)
- Brian Scott Warner (b. 02-18-
1973)
- . Audrey Ruth Schaffer (b. 03-09-
1952)
m. on 05-14-1971 to Terje Steinstø
(b. 06-21-1945)
- Christina Steinstø (b. 07-
13-1976)
- Baby Girl Steinstø (b. 08-31-
1980)
- . Paul Mervin Schaffer (b. 06-01-
1955)
m. on 06-03-1978 to Kim Elizabeth
Button (b. 06-02-1959)
- . James Mark Schaffer (b. 12-27-1959)
- . Linda June Schaffer (b. 06-19-1964)
- Alvin Mervin Loomis (b. 01-08-1924)
- Leland Grant Loomis (b. 02-21-1928)
m. on 09-17-1949 to Betty Staerker
(b. 09-16-1932)
- . Raymond Leland Loomis (b. 10-11-
1950)
- . Stephen Laurence Loomis (b. 11-09-
1951)
m. on 11-07-1970 to Karen Peskur
(b. 06-09-1951)
- Stephen Jon Loomis (b. 01-30-
1979)

- . Bruce Alvin Loomis (b. 01-01-1953)
m. on 10-01-1976 to Suzanne Bailey
- . Russell Michael Loomis (03-24-
1955--04- -1979; interred CCBCC)
- . Rodney Kenneth Loomis (b. 07-01-
1962)
- . Mark Adam Loomis (b. 05-18-1966)
- c. Homer Banning Curtis (01-23-1895--09-
29-1949)
m. on 06-06-1923 at Sayre, PA, to
Myrtle Wildenstein (b. 11-07-1901)
- Doris Elva Curtis (b. 04-12-1924)
m. in Clinton Center Baptist Church
to Thomas Henry Howell (09-06-1918--
05-11-1968)
- Joyce Irene Curtis (b. 12-23-1925)
m. on 10-23-1954 to Charles Van
Amburg (d. 07-30-1974) in Clinton
Center Baptist Church
- . Barbara Lynn Van Amburg (b. 02-
27-1958)
- . Curtis Lee Van Amburg (b. 05-23-
1961)
- Erwin Lloyd Curtis (b. 07-17-1929)
m. on 06-18-1950 at Forest City, PA,
to LaVerne Planishek
- . Ronald Paul Curtis (06-25-1951--
07-19-1973)
m. on 10-03-1970 at Forest City,
PA, to Donna Mindas (d. 10-23-
1972)
- Ronald Paul Curtis, Jr.
(b. 10-14-1972)
- . Alan Lloyd Curtis (04-22-1954--
06-10-1973)
- . Richard Erwin Curtis (b. 12-10-
1957)
m. on 07-01-1979 at Forest City,
PA, to Kim Ann Slick
- . Leonard John Curtis (b. 05-09-
1960)
- Robert Homer Curtis (b. 02-04-1935)
m. on 01-04-1954 at Waymart, PA, to
Elizabeth Houman (b. 05-18-1939)
- . Russell Robert Curtis (b. 04-26-
1955)
m., first, on 12-27-1973 to Rose
Miller
m., second, Beverly Emmett
daughter (b. 03-06-1974)
- Renee Curtis (b. 11-15-1977)
- Anthony Curtis (b. 02-03-1979)
- . William Curtis (b. 05-11-1956)
- . Jean Marie Curtis (b. 07-27-1957)
m. on 07-06-1974 to Dale Starbuck
(b. 06-27-1953) in Clinton Center
Baptist Church
- Anne Marie Starbuck (b. 12-26-
1975)
- Dale John Starbuck (b. 02-17-
1977)
- . Ruth Lorraine Curtis (b. 12-29-
1960)
- . Thomas Homer Curtis (b. 07-14-
1965)
- . James Robert Curtis (b. 02-11-
1967)
- . Marjorie Doris Curtis (b. 09-01-
1970)
- . Isabelle Myrtle Curtis (b. 09-
08-1972)
- . Ronald Steward Curtis (b. 04-26-
1976)
- . Faith Ann Curtis (b. 08-10-1978)
- d. Verna Agatha Curtis (b. 09-28-1897)
m. on 06-17-1920 at bride's home to
Ensign Henry Varcoe (07-25-1896--
06-19-1978; interred CCBCC)
- Violet Elsie Varcoe (b. 11-25-1922)
m. on 06-29-1946 in Clinton Center
Baptist Church to David S. Hauen-
stein, Jr. (b. 12-03-1918)
- . David S. Hauenstein III (b. 07-
30-1947)
m. on 05-13-1972 in Calkins Union
Church to Barbara Lee Sheard
(b. 08-02-1949)
- Keith David Hauenstein (b. 06-
17-1973)
- Chad Stephen Hauenstein (b. 08-
21-1976)

- James Larry Hauenstein (b. 11-22-1950)
m. on 06-17-1972 to Ann Marie Kerwin (b. 02-24-) in Aldenville Baptist Church
- Christy Rose Hauenstein (b. 03-07-1975)
- Dennis James Hauenstein (b. 02-20-1977)
- Leonard Roy Hauenstein (b. 07-15-1953)
m. on 10-02-1976 in Aldenville Baptist Church to Elizabeth Ann Gardner (b. 02-26-1957)
- Timothy Leonard Hauenstein.
(b. 12-06-1979)
- Eunice Phebe Varcoe (b. 07-11-1927)
m. on 10-01-1949 in Clinton Center Baptist Church to Dwight Franklin Hauenstein (b. 07-17-1922)
- Nancy Lynn Hauenstein (b. 10-02-1950)
m. on 02-11-1978 in Waymart United Methodist Church to John David Wiltz (b. 10-30-)
- Esther Jane Hauenstein (b. 04-13-1952)
m. on 06-18-1977 in Aldenville Baptist Church to Gerald Roy Clay (b. 10-07-1928)
- Dwight Franklin Hauenstein, Jr. (b. 03-05-1954)
m. on 10-15-1977 in Pleasant Mount United Methodist Church to Donna Marie Reilly (b. 02-27-1957)
- e. Elsie Irene Curtis (12-05-1899--11-25-1900)
- f. Clistia Belva Curtis (b. 03-19-1905)
m. on 06-17-1926 in Waymart Baptist Parsonage to Gordon Grant Hawley (03-09-1905--06-15-1955)
- Gordon Grant Hawley, Jr. (b. 08-23-1929)
m. on 06-16-1951 in Presbyterian Church, Hancock, NY, to Louise Emily Mills (b. 09-14-1929)
- Richard Gordon Hawley (b. 03-18-1953)
m. on 06-08-1974 to Terri Joe Smith (b. 09-17-1953) in St. Paul's Catholic Church, Norwich, NY
- Jennifer Elaine Hawley (b. 08-18-1976)
- Timothy Michael Hawley (b. 04-27-1978)
- Jill Marie Hawley (b. 08-06-1979)
- 3. William Van Tassel Curtis (06-06-1857--11-21-1936)
m. on 07-03-1890 in Artesian, Sanborn County, SD, by Rev. H. S. P. Warren to Marie Peterson (09-24-1872, New Hampton, IA--08- -1966, Lake City, SD)
- a. Laura Louise Curtis (06-05-1891, Miner County, SD--04-29-1973)
m., first, on 06-05-1920 to Joseph W. Pierson (d. 02-05-1939)
m., second, on 11-25-1950 to Gene Graham
- Marjorie Ann Pierson (b. 04-28-1921)
m. on 09-09-1945 to Stewart Nims
- Stewart Curtis Nims (b. 06-14-1947)
- Martha Ann Nims (b. 04-12-1949)
- Deborah Joan Nims (b. 09-03-1956)
- Laura Louise Nims (b. 01-22-1959)
- Joseph W. Pierson, Jr. (09-10-1922--11-05-1936)
- b. Augusta Bessie Curtis (b. 11-25-1892, Miner County, SD)
m. on 10-28-1919 to Raymond Ewing
- Curtis Maynard Ewing (b. 04-24-1920)
m. on 11-28-1945 to Helen Ernst
- Ronald C. Ewing (b. 02-05-1947)
m. on 02-18-1978 to Heidi Lorraine Henifin
- Gary Alan Ewing (b. 02-05-1952)
m. on 10-20-1978 to Linda Kay Benson
- Brendon Curtis Ewing (b. 05-05-1979)
- Jeffrey Dean Ewing (b. 06-26-1957)
- Margaret Arlene Ewing (07-17-1921--1927)
- Elizabeth Gail Ewing (b. 02-05-1923)
m. on 04-06-1946 to James L. Weeden
- James L. Weeden, Jr. (b. 11-23-1946)
- Virginia Gail Weeden (b. 10-19-1949)
- Glenda Gaye Weeden (b. 01-04-1957)
- Robert Lowell Ewing (b. 01-31-1925)
m. on 04-14-1949 to Miriam Anderson
- Charles Ray Ewing (b. 01-09-1950)
- Melinda Louise Ewing (b. 07-26-1952)
- Robert Lowell Ewing, Jr. (b. 01-21-1954)
- Mary Arlene Ewing (b. 12-14-1956)
- Paul Judson Ewing (b. 12-20-1926)
m. on 06-28-1952 to Genevieve Bennett
- Stephen Paul Ewing (b. 10-08-1956)
- Sandra A. Ewing (b. 10-08-1959)
- Sharon Ewing (b. 06-29-1961)
- Gary Ellsworth Ewing (b. 07-08-1934)
m. on 04-10-1956 to Sally White
- Jody Pauline Ewing (b. 09-04-1956)
- Jeanna L. Ewing (b. 10-12-1957)
- Gary C. Ewing (b. 11-19-1958)
- Gordon S. Ewing (b. 10-09-1960)
- Michael Ewing (b. 01-25-1967)
- c. Cora Mae Curtis (08-17-1894, Miner County, SD--10-06-1973)
m. on 05-24-1916 to Elmer Overgaard
- Donna Lee Overgaard (b. 01-16-1932)
- Doris Mae Overgaard (b. 01-16-1932)
- d. Pearl Evelyn Curtis (b. 11-20-1898 in Miner County, SD)
m. on 08-23-1923 in Lake City, SD, by Rev. Jesse Rickel in the Baptist Church to Ernest L. Brudos
- Darwin Blaine Brudos (b. 11-01-1926)
m. on 02-03-1961 to Eleanor Kornfeld
- Daniel Timothy Brudos (b. 11-12-1961)
- Susan Lee Brudos (b. 03-14-1964)
- Eileen Faye Brudos (b. 08-24-1930)
m. on 06-27-1953 to Raymond K. Weick
- Joni Rae Weick (b. 08-08-1956)
m. on 06- -1978 to Robert Boulware
- Dana Ree Weick (b. 01-03-1958)
- Bari Jon Weick (b. 08-09-1961)
- Kori Kay Weick (b. 09-10-1963)
- Jo Ann Brudos (b. 05-20-1933)
m. on 10-13-1954 to Berge Hansen
- Brian Joe Hansen (b. 11-04-1956)
- Cynthia Eileen Hansen (b. 12-20-1958)
- Kathryn Ann Hansen (b. 07-08-1962)
- Curtis Dale Brudos (b. 07-04-1936)
m. on 07-26-1954 to Phyllis Lakson
- Cheryl Lynn Brudos (b. 05-06-1961)
- Kimberly Aileen Brudos (b. 04-25-1963)
- Michael Brudos (b. 08-25-1965)
- Deborah Brudos (b. 09-24-1978)
- e. Florence Ethel Curtis (12-03-1900, Miner County, SD--01-06-1971)
m. on 12-22-1920 to Benjamin Ray Cooley (d. 01-07-1963)
- Constance Elaine Cooley (b. 04-27-1922)
m. on 03-08-1947 to Kenneth Johnson
- Kenneth Glen Johnson (b. 02-26-1948)
- Warren Johnson (b. 12-24-1948)
- Russell Curtis Johnson (b. 06-23-1953)
- Barry Johnson (b. 08-27-1955)
- Elaine Rae Johnson (b. 05-13-1955)
- William Glen Cooley (b. 10-19-1924)
m. on 01-05-1946 to Gloria Giroux
- Bruce Cooley (b. 05- -1976)
- Craig Cooley (b. 11- -1955)
- f. Nellie Marie Curtis (b. 08-16-1903, Marshall County, SD)
m. on 07-09-1926 to John Bert Lawson
- g. Leona Van Tassel Curtis (b. 08-12-1907, Marshall County, SD)
m. on 07-03-1942 to George Vaughn
- Curtis Ray Vaughn (b. 02-16-1944)
m. on 03-21-1970 to Lonnie Fay Franklin
- Bryan Keith Vaughn (b. 04-15-1973)
- Gregory Stephen Vaughn (b. 03-04-1975)
- Janelle Rae Vaughn (b. 02-03-1979)
- Vivian Marie Vaughn (b. 07-29-1947)
m. on 03-19-1968 to Paul Robert Milliken
- Boyd Allen Milliken (b. 02-03-1975)
- 4. Carrie Isabella Curtis (08-09-1858--09-12-1859)
- 5. Harriet Annis Curtis (11-02-1859--12-17-1946)
m. on 01-01-1883 at Curtis Homestead, Clinton Twp., PA, to Milo M. Gardner (04-19-1859--07-03-1950)
- a. Ray Nelson Gardner (11-05-1886--11-25-1891; interred CCBCC)
- b. Burdette Curtis Gardner (11-21-1894--11-11-1967)
m., first, on 03-20-1923 to Margaret Kollarik (d. 08-14-1930)
m., second, on 02-22-1932 to Helen Richards Shoemaker (b. 12-24-)
- Milo Burdette Gardner (b. 05-12-1934)
m. on 02-08-1955 to Elizabeth Holbert (b. 02-12-1937)
- Milo Robert Gardner (b. 09-23-1955)
- Elizabeth Ann Gardner (b. 02-26-1957)
m. on 10-02-1976 to Leonard Roy Hauenstein (b. 07-15-1953)
- Timothy Leonard Hauenstein
(b. 12-06-1979)
- Nancy Lee Gardner (b. 02-23-1958)
- John Richard Gardner (b. 10-02-1937)
m. on 07-13-1963 to Dorothy Wray (b. 04-20-1940)
- Donna May Gardner (b. 05-01-1964)
- Gwendolyn Elaine Gardner (b. 03-11-1966)
- Andres Charles Gardner (b. 06-05-1970)
- c. Edith A. Gardner (b. 07-08-1897)
- d. Gertrude Gardner (b. 02-11-1900)
m. on 04-04-1958 to Charles Snyder (08-15-1889--02-04-1974; interred CCBCC)
- 6. George Augustus Curtis (06-01-1862--11-17-1926; interred CCBCC)
m. on 04-22-1889 to Jeannette Geuther (04-02-1868--09-04-1937; interred CCBCC)
- a. Irene Augusta Curtis (04-05-1890--03-14-1961)
m. on 10-01-1913 to Elwin Sheldon Norton
- William Curtis Norton (b. 08-16-1914)
m. on 07-12-1947 to Ruth Louise Loeser (b. 12-13-1915)
- William Curtis Norton, Jr. (b. 02-23-1951)
- Henry Sheldon Norton (b. 02-26-1952)
- Marjorie Louise Norton (b. 02-11-1918)
m. on 04-13-1940 to Clarence Brown Walker (b. 02-04-1917)
- Clarence Brown Walker, Jr. (b. 07-15-1942)
- Elwin Curtis Walker (b. 05-29-1946)
m. in 1968 to
- Gail Norton Walker (b. 04-29-1952)
- Elise Banning Norton (b. 11-19-1920--1979)
m. on 09- -1950 to John Matthew Ollendike (d. 10-24-1967)
- Okla Lillian Ollendike (b. 10-16-1951)
- Elwin Sheldon Norton, Jr. (1924--08-16-1944)

- b. girl (09-16-1891--10-07-1891)
- c. Clarence Banning Curtis (07-19-1893--01-07-1894)
- d. Lawrence Benjamin Curtis (07-19-1893--11-11-1898)
- e. girl (02-05-1895--02-05-1895)
- f. Helen Pauline Curtis (05-12-1896--01-01-1919; interred CCBCC)
- g. Henry George Curtis (08-09-1898--11-25-1972; interred CCBCC)
m. on 09-10-1919 to Grace Iona Schweighofer (07-31-1899--05-23-1976) in Dyerberry, PA
- Edward Avery Curtis (b. 06-07-1920)
m. on 06-21-1941 at Waymart, PA, to Anna Mae Robinson (b. 05-21-1922)
- . Lawrence Brian Curtis (b. 07-17-1943)
m. on 01-08-1977 to Jo Anne Marie Fagan
- Kurt Andrew Curtis (b. 05-31-1977)
- Mallory Marie Curtis (b. 07-08-1978)
- . Linda Elaine Curtis (b. 02-21-1945)
m. on 12-30-1967 at Rileyville, PA, to Arthur Knapp
- Tina Ann Knapp (b. 01-13-1969)
- Kevin Brian Knapp (b. 09-13-1970)
- Susan Jane Knapp (b. 02-25-1972)
- Krista Jill Knapp (b. 04-20-1974)
- Timothy Wade Knapp (b. 09-14-1975)
- . Allen Richard Curtis (b. 03-01-1948)
m. on 09-30-1972 to Nancy Marie Clark
- Betsy Jane Curtis (b. 03-27-1973)
- Brian Alan Curtis (b. 07-30-1974)
- . Eric Charles Curtis (b. 04-21-1956)
- George Wilbur Curtis (b. 02-22-1923)
m. on 04-19-1952 in Honesdale, PA, to Jean M. Boyd (b. 05-27-1930)
- . Jeffrey Paul Curtis (b. 09-25-1954)
m. on 12-09-1978 to Kathy DeMart at N. Tonawanda, NY
- . Craig Richard Curtis (b. 06-07-1956)
m. on 05-03-1980 to Donna Marie Hanley at New Berlin, NY
- . Mark Edward Curtis (b. 03-20-1960)
- . David George Curtis (b. 12-12-1962)
- . Jonathan Charles Curtis (b. 12-12-1963)
- Patricia Grace Curtis (b. 07-13-1924)
m. on 10-21-1950 at Waymart, PA, to Presley Louis Lawrence
- . Roxanne Leslie Lawrence (b. 09-20-1951)
m., first, on 03-15-1969 in Arlington, VA, to Stephen Howard Hall
m., second, on 12-28-1972 in Duncan, OK, to Lt. Walter Allen Girard
- Wendy Katherine Hall (b. 11-03-1969)
- Amy Leigh Girard (b. 04-16-1976)
- Daniel Curtis Girard (b. 10-16-1979)
- Barbara Ann Curtis (11-03-1928--01-12-1929; interred CCBCC)
- Henry George Curtis, Jr. (b. 03-12-1933)
m. on 09-28-1957 to Susanna K. Lopatofsky (b. 03-27-1935)
- . Christopher Paul Curtis (b. 06-25-1958)
- . Matthew Peter Curtis (b. 05-30-1959)
- . Daniel Alexander Curtis (b. 12-06-1960)
- . Paul Henry Curtis (b. 02-20-1962)
- . Teresa Susan Curtis (b. 07-01-1963)
- . Michael Curtis (b. 10-14-1967)
- . Stephen Curtis (b. 01-15-1969)
- Charles DeWilton Curtis (b. 12-18-1934)
m. on 04-24-1965 to Irene Mary Brookings (b. 09-25-1937)
- . Charles Marshall Curtis (b. 07-05-1968)
- . Kendall Louise Curtis (b. 07-21-1971)
- Niles Frederick Curtis (b. 05-28-1940)
m. on 02-18-1961 in Central Methodist Church, Honesdale, PA, to Nancy Susan Michaels (b. 03-19-1941)
- . Scott Allen Curtis (b. 12-18-1962)
- . James Todd Curtis (b. 04-05-1964)
- . Gretchen Anne Curtis (b. 03-08-1971)
- h. Rose Olive Curtis (b. 03-31-1900)
m. on 05-26-1928 to A. C. Wihto1
- i. Louise Gladys Curtis (b. 12-06-1903)
m. James P. McCue (d. 06-02-1963)
- j. girl (11-09-1905--01-01-1906)
- k. Alice Mae Curtis (b. 05-14-1907)
m., first, on 03-16-1935 to Raymond Peter Williams (05-12-1907--01-23-1975)
m., second, on 02-09-1979 to Norman Lund
- l. boy (07-15-1911--07-25-1911)
- m. girl (02-14-1914--02-24-1914)
7. Augusta Gertrude Curtis (06-01-1862--07-13-1956; interred CCBCC)
8. Laura Melinda Curtis (07-29-1864--05-31-1960; interred CCBCC)
m. on 06-30-1898 to William Edward Rude (05-06-1866--06-02-1941; interred CCBCC)
- a. Dwight William Rude (b. 08-18-1899)
m. on 07-12-1922 at Remsen-Gaylord Homestead in Aldenville, PA, to Margaret Abbie Remsen (b. 04-06-1899)
- Marjorie Angeline Rude (b. 02-19-1924)
m. on 03-03-1946 at Ridge Farm, Waymart, PA, to Gerald Clarion Cook (b. 11-14-1920)
- . Susan Margaret Cook (b. 04-16-1949)
m. on 06-15-1970 in Baptist Church, Hilton, NY, to John Cease (b. 08-26-1947)
- Joshua Charles Cease (b. 11-14-1977)
- . Barbara Jane Cook (b. 03-23-1950)
- . Deborah Ann Cook (b. 02-23-1954)
m. in Baptist Church, Hilton, NY, to Daniel Green (b. 03-29-1948)
- . Richard John Cook (b. 02-22-1956)
- Dwight William Rude (06-06-1925--01-26-1934; interred CCBCC)
- John Remsen Rude (b. 04-30-1927)
m., first, on 08-14-1948 to Jessie Koehler
m., second, on 08-09-1974 in Baptist Church, Hilton, NY, to Amy M. Burch (b. 11-11-1927)
- . Dwight William Rude (b. 03-24-1953)
m. on 08-14-1976 in Philadelphia to Linda Huber (b. 08-02-1953)
- . Carolyn Margaret Rude (b. 06-20-1954)
m. on 06-28-1980 in Presbyterian Church, Honesdale, PA, to David Zajt (b. 04-17-1956)
- . Patricia Ann Rude (b. 09-25-1956)
m. on 06-03-1978 in Presbyterian Church, Honesdale, PA, to Robert Wayne Schaffer (b. 05-23-1956)
- . John Remsen Rude (b. 03-29-1962)
- Virginia Laura Rude (b. 06-24-1929)
m. on 10-11-1952 in Clinton Center Baptist Church to Philip Clarkson Hungerford (b. 05-23-1928)
- . Melinda Sue Hungerford (b. 09-07-1954)
m. on 06-14-1980 at Cleveland Heights, OH, to Ralph V. Harder (b. 12-02-1947)
- . Nancy Jo Hungerford (b. 04-18-1956)
m. on 10-11-1980 in Cleveland Heights, OH, to Robert L. Bostwick (b. 11-13-1955)
- . Beth Clarkson Hungerford (b. 08-18-1959)
- Frederick Remsen Rude (b. 08-06-1932)
m. on 08-25-1956 in Zion Lutheran Church, Whitmarsh, PA, to Ruth Ann Schnell (b. 04-04-1933)
- . Catherine Suzanne Rude (b. 07-25-1957)
- . Robert Slifer Rude (b. 09-14-1959)
- . James Curtis Rude (b. 08-19-1964)
- b. Lewis Corby Rude (05-26-1903--02-19-1921; interred CCBCC)
9. Arthur Hamblin Curtis (02-22-1867--11-03-1943)
m. on 08-07-1894 to Catherine M. Giles (1874--03-21-1958)
- a. Hobart H. Curtis (11-04-1896--04-17-1962)
m. on 05-22-1923 in Bridgeton, NJ, by Rev. McKenzie to Lois Norton (b. 08-08-1894)
- b. Harriet Curtis (05-30-1898--11-07-1923)
m. on 01-01-1923 to Henry William Bartholomay (02-11-1886--02-08-1966)
- Henry William Bartholomay, Jr. (b. 10-28-1923)
m. on 06-26-1948 to Mary Connelly
- . Arthur Eric Bartholomay (b. 06-04-1949)
m., first, on 06-16-1973 to Elaine Lisa Gillette; div. 11--1973
m., second, to Lynn
- Diane Bartholomay (b. 10-10-1978)
- Allison Bartholomay (b. 05-15-1980)
- . Henry William Bartholomay (b. 10-10-1951)
m. on 08-10-1974 to Dorothy Wehmeyer
- Brian William Bartholomay (b. 03-15-1979)
- . Howard Curtis Bartholomay (b. 05-27-1955)
- . Marylynn Bartholomay (b. 05-15-1959)
- c. Juanita Curtis (02-08-1902--03-07-1974)
m. in 1931 to Frank Gelder
- Barbara Ann Gelder (b. 03-29-1933)
m. on 06-23-1956 to David B. Kelly
- . David Morse Kelly (b. 12-20-1958)
- . Jeffrey Blake Kelly (b. 08-28-1961)
- . Susan Curtis Kelly (b. 06-04-1963)
- Margaret Rose Gelder (b. 01-17-1938)
m. Robert Reese
- . Sandra Lee Reese (b. 06-27-1963)
- . Jeffrey Curtis Reese (b. 09-14--)
- . Kristen Elizabeth Reese (b. 05-20-1969)
- d. Lillian Beatrice Curtis (b. 04-12-1903)
m. in 1930 to Henry William Bartholomay (02-11-1886--02-08-1966)
- Harriet Bartholomay (b. 03-07-1931)
m. Joseph Sochan
- . Beth Anne Sochan (b. 06-17-1954)
- . Deborah Jo Sochan (b. 07-14-1958)
- Allyn Bartholomay (b. 09-23-1933)
m. on 12-27-1958 to Joan Freis
- . Gwynn Bartholomay (b. 12-28-1959)
- . Cynthia Bartholomay (b. 07-15-1961)
- . Brian Bartholomay (b. 11-03-1964)
- Kathryn Mae Bartholomay (b. 09-28-1935)
m. on 10-13-1956 to William Forster
- . Sharon Forster (b. 10-19-1957)
- . William Scott Forster (b. 04-09-1959)
- e. Norvelle Elliott Curtis (b. 09-23-1904)
m. on 09-21-1929 to Dr. Clyde L. Kern (1897--09-14-1967; interred CCBCC)
- Norman Curtis Kern (b. 12-14-1933)
m. on 08-02-1958 to Margaret Innman
- . Kevin Gerard Kern (b. 04-08-1961)
- . Gregory Clark Kern (b. 05-14-1962)
- . Andrew Curtis Kern (b. 07-02-1967)
- . Kathleen Mary Kern (b. 04-13-1969)
- . James Lewis Kern (b. 06-21-1970)
- f. Dorothy Curtis (b. 09-28-1919)
m. on 08-01-1941 to George Hornbeck
- George Hornbeck, Jr. (b. 05-01-1942)
m. on 11-28-1965 to Marie Gillette
- . Lisa Hornbeck (b. 07-21-1966)
- . Francesca Hornbeck (b. 07-21-1966)
- Karen Hornbeck (b. 08-21-1945)

10. Amanda Irene Curtis (06-17-1871--10-14-1966)
m. on 09-28-1899 at Curtis Homestead to Rev. James Charles Patey (d. 11-30-1950, Wiser Lake district, Whatcom County, WA)
- a. Henry Curtis Patey (10-24-1900--06-29-1976; interred Hillside Cemetery, Rindge)
m. in 1926 to Adelaide Walker
- . Dorothy L. Patey
m. Jennings
- b. Mabel Louise Patey (b. 08-20-1903)
m. on 12-25-1929 to Lyndon Haven (b. 08-05-1894)
- Betty Lou Haven (b. 12-22-1939)
m. on 05-07-1959 to William McClellan
- . Doris Lorraine McClellan (b. 06-19-1961)
 - . Lyndon Preston McClellan (b. 11-18-1964)
- Mary Haven
m. Thomas Ryan
- . Michael Wayne Ryan (b. 04-19-1965)
 - . Elizabeth Marie Ryan (b. 06-02-1967)
 - . Paul Haven Ryan (b. 07-08-1971)
- c. Ruth Patey (b. 08-16-1906)
m. on 12-16-1927 to Elmer Needham (b. 05-06-1907)
- Raymond Needham (b. 04-16-1930)
m. Kay
- . Scott Needham (b. 05-26-1958)
 - . Susan Needham (b. 06-08-1959)
 - . Sally Needham (b. 06-09-1961)
 - . Stephen Needham
- Patricia Needham (b. 05-19-1933)
m. Dale Bowen
- . Terri Bowen (b. 04-09-1958)
 - . Debbie Bowen (b. 05-13-1959)
 - . Kevin Bowen (b. 02-15-1961)
 - . Craig Bowen (b. 06-28-1962)
- Jean Needham (b. 07-26-1935)
m. Hugh Rebberg
- . Phil Rebberg (b. 07-07-1958)
 - . Ryan Rebberg (b. 11-06-1959)
 - . Lee Joan Rebberg (b. 06-13-1962)
- Joan Needham (b. 07-26-1935)
m. in 1955 to Allen Hess
- . Lila Jean Hess (b. 02-01-1956)
 - . Kristie Kay Hess (b. 02-20-1958)
- d. Viola E. Patey (b. 01-15-1910)
m., first, in 1936 to J. C. Miller
m., second, on 08-27-1966 in Portland, OR, to Burton M. Silks
- Ronald Miller (b. 09-24-1938, Albany, CA)
- Eugene Miller (b. 08-09-1940, Berkeley, CA)
- e. Esther Patey
m. on 09-24-1947 to Harry Forsberg
- Sandra Amanda Forsberg (b. 05-12-1948)
m. on 09-20-1968 to Roy Paul Nelson
- Shirley Forsberg (b. 06-19-1949)
- Geraldine Forsberg (b. 06-01-1951)
- Ralph Forsberg (b. 06-01-1953)
- David John Forsberg (b. 12-28-1955)
11. Nathan Judson Curtis (03-24-1874--05-02-1883)
- E. Nathan Griswold (1690) ¹⁷ (03-31-1832, Wayne County, PA--1912, Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. Helen M. Grennell (1826-1903; interred CCBCC)
m. (?) Ellen Goodrich (b. 1828)
1. William Goodrich Griswold (2837) (b. 1854)
- F. Homer Griswold (1691) ¹⁸ (03-14-1835, Wayne County, PA--05-28-1874, Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. Alzena "Alice" Van Meter (03-17-1846--11-28-1907; interred CCBCC)
1. Francis Griswold (2838) (b. 1870)
2. Charles Griswold
3. Olga Jane Griswold (02-05-1872--07-11-1968; interred CCBCC)
m. Christian Jonathan Stiles ¹⁹ (1861--06-30-1937; interred CCBCC)
- a. Eva May Stiles (04-21-1892--11-10-1973)
m. William Ritter (07-08-1892--02-01-1973)
- Alfred Ritter (b. 11-13-1914)
m. Mildred Hitchcock (1899--07-24-1980)
- b. Leah Matilda Stiles (b. 12-01-1893)
m. Ira Charles Wright (04-04-1893--02-12-1970)
- Helen Alberta Wright (b. 07-28-1914)
m. on 02-25-1935 to Ralph Giles (b. 08-24-1900)
- . Duane Giles
m. on 12-14-1968 to Carol Kleffman
Nathan Giles
 - . Sandra Giles
m. on 06-22-1960 to Gerald LaPoint
Brian Gerald LaPoint (b. 11-01-1961)
Beth Ann LaPoint (b. 11-01-1961)
Valerie LaPoint
Renee LaPoint
 - . Gordon Giles (b. 09-28-1942)
m. Mary McGraw
Greg Giles (b. 07-27-1968)
Scott Giles
Christine Giles
 - . Judy Giles (b. 12-28-1940)
m. Slefko
- Doris Verna Wright (b. 04-20-1922)
m. on 08-31-1945 to Clyde Mead
- . Rebecca Leah Mead (b. 04-05-1946)
m. on 07-29-1967 to Robert Karl Geuther (b. 09-19-1941)
Rachel Lee Geuther (b. 08-27-1968)
Bonnie Kim Geuther (b. 07-29-1969)
Dale Robert Geuther (b. 08-24-1970)
Andrew Bert Geuther (b. 08-17-1974)
Janet Lynn Geuther (b. 04-12-1977)
 - . Deborah Eva Mead (b. 11-11-1954)
m. on 09-11-1976 to Donald Erroh
- Marjorie May Wright (b. 05-05-1916, Prompton, PA)
m. on 10-16-1943 in First Baptist Church in Newark, NJ, to Stephen Joseph Gravalec (b. 05-18-1914, Newark, NJ)
- . Barbara Ann Gravalec (b. 10-16-1942, Newark, NJ)
m. on 06-13-1963 in Parsippany Town Hall, Parsippany, NJ, to Howard Robbins (b. 05-07-1941)
Dawn Ella Robbins (b. 04-24-1968, Denville, NJ)
 - . Beverly Jean Gravalec (b. 04-18-1949, Morristown, NJ)
m. on 03-23-1974 in King of Kings Lutheran Church, Mountain Lakes, NJ, to Arnold Robert Zipf (b. 05-08-1947, Glen Ridge, NJ)
Karen Laura Zipf (b. 08-29-1977, Glen Ridge, NJ)
Kimberly Ann Zipf (b. 02-02-1979, Glen Ridge, NJ)
- Evelyn Marie Wright (08-28-1912--03-26-1951; interred Vestal Hills, NY)
m. on 06-25-1932 in Johnson City, NY, to Claude Emerson Manaton (01-29-1905--03-25-1965; interred Vestal Hills, NY)
- . Claude Wright Manaton (b. 02-01-1933, Endicott, NY)
m. on 05-18-1957 at Logan, UT, to Geneva Kloeppfer (b. 04-17-1935)
Cathy Melinda Manaton (b. 03-20-1959)
Kimberly Anne Manaton (b. 11-06-1960)
Claudia Danielle Manaton (b. 05-26-1965)
Michael Edward Manaton (b. 05-13-1970)
- c. Ina Stiles (06-23-1891--03-17-1918; interred Dyberry Cemetery, Honesdale, PA)
m. Earl Wright (d. 07-10-1965)
- Mildred Esther Wright (b. 07-02-1914)
m. Leslie A. LaBarre (02-18-1911--04-18-1978; interred CCBCC)
- . Leslie Howard LaBarre (b. 06-13-1938)
 - . LaVerne Esther LaBarre (b. 10-02-1939)
m. on 08-07-1959 to Robert Kuhn (b. 03-30-1938)
Nancy Ann Kuhn (b. 02-24-1962)
Robert Joseph Kuhn (12-05-1960--12-08-1960)
 - Geraldine Wright (b. 12-01-1915)
m. on 08-14-1934 at Monticello, NY, to Edward Joseph Helt (b. 01-12-1914)
Edward Joseph Helt, Jr. (b. 06-11-1935)
m. Mildred Peyton
Walter Lee Helt
Carolyn Helt
Patricia Karen Helt
Renee Michelle Helt (11-14-1966--05-24-1973)
 - . Judith Fay Helt (b. 03-08-1939)
m. on 11-27-1957 at West Town, NY, to Charles Margarum (b. 09-17-1937)
Tracy Lee Margarum (b. 01-04-1962)
Cheryl Ann Margarum (b. 09-19-1963)
 - . Sally Jane Helt (b. 06-20-1948)
m. on 12-04-1965 at Port Jervis, NY, to Lester Ostrom (b. 08-15-1943)
Darrell Lester Ostrom (b. 12-07-1966)
Kirsten Renee Ostrom (b. 06-02-1969)
 - Margaretta Wright (b. 11-16-1916, buried 03-17-1918)
 - Thelma Wright (02-09-1918--12-06-1968)
m. Alfred Shaffer
Mary Shaffer
m., first, Fred Bessette
m., second, Zoubrecht
Fred Allan Bessette
 - . Gloria Laverne Shaffer
m. Fred Johnson
Kevin Johnson
Mark Johnson
 - . Jane Marie Shaffer
m. on 05-07-1966 to Richard Hille
Richard Hille
James Hille
Wendy Hille
 - . Susan Elizabeth Shaffer
m. Clinton Carney
Deanna Rae Carney
Clinton Carney, Jr.
Thomas Carney
Matthew Carney
Kristie Carney
 - . Linda Marlane Shaffer
m., first, Corey Cox; div. 1968
m., second, Jim Miller in 1974
Alice
Cindy
Susie Tammy
Pat
Jimmy
 - d. William Homer Stiles (07-08-1900--05-28-1928; interred CCBCC)
 - e. Charlotte Stiles
m. in 1921 to John Smith
--Rita Smith
m. on 11-01-1941 to Simon Gustitus
Mary Gustitus (b. 08-18-1946)
Marie Gustitus (b. 08-18-1946)
--Elizabeth Smith
--Beatrice Smith
--Harriet Smith
--Jacqueline Smith
m. Jack Pieszala
Christine Pieszala (b. 02-27-1961)
Melissa Pieszala
Stephen Pieszala

f. Edgar G. Stiles (1908--02-16-1969; interred CCBCC)
m. on 02-17-1934 to Louise E. Coons (1915--02-15-1968; interred CCBCC)

--Gerald William Stiles (b. 07-09-1936)
m. on 04-15-1962 in United Methodist Church, Canton, PA, to Diane Bessie Stone (b. 09-30-1938)

. Karen Louise Stiles (b. 06-12-1963)

. Kevin Gerald Stiles (b. 03-24-1965)

--Janice Cora Stiles (b. 02-11-1941, Honesdale, PA)
m. on 10-27-1962 in Scranton, PA, to Louis Allen Winters (b. 11-07-1939, Scranton, PA)

. Scott Robert Winters (b. 03-21-1966)

. Terry Lee Winters (b. 03-17-1963)

--Daniel Stiles (b. 03-23-1942)
m. Mary Ann

. Michelle Ann Stiles (b. 06-29-1970)

. Michael Daniel Stiles (b. 04-14-1972)

. John Joseph Stiles (b. 02-21-1978)

. James Robert Stiles (b. 04-28-1979)

--Davy Stiles
m. on 01-30-1970 to Linda Oliver

. Richard Stiles (b. 10-06-1974)

. Andrew Thomas Stiles (b. 02-06-1979)

--Christian Robert Stiles (b. 12-10-1944)
m. on 07-03-1971 in Bethany Methodist Church to Donna Marie Arnold (b. 08-19-1948)

. Craig Donald Stiles (b. 01-30-1972, Honesdale, PA)

. Aimee Lynn Stiles (b. 03-18-1973, Honesdale, PA)

--William Leonard Stiles (b. 04-11-1951)

g. Donovan Stiles
m. on 06-22-1946 to Dorothy O'Neil

. Sharon Stiles

. Donna Stiles

h. Lula M. (d. at age 14 months, 25 days; interred in CCBCC)

i. Doris M. (d. at age 5 months, 26 days; interred in CCBCC)

III. ORRIN GRISWOLD (840) ²⁰ (04-19-1796, near Norwich, MA--1878)
m. Lois Deming (d. 1875)

A. Alfred Griswold (1692) ²¹ (1822, Pleasant Mount, PA--1858, Carbondale, PA)
m. Sarah Ann Lowery

1. Charles Griswold (d. age 19)

2. Althea Griswold
m. Stephen Kagler

a. George Kagler
m. Ruth Owens

--Ruth Kagler
m. Clarence Morris

--George Kagler

b. Charles Kagler
m. ? , who d. 1928

--Martha Kagler
m. in 1918 to Guy Black

. Sheldon Black

. Marion Black

. Raymond Black

c. Edward Kagler

d. Orin G. Kagler
m. Edith Shorts

e. Belle Kagler
m. A. J. Perry

--Ralph Perry

--Althea Perry
m. Henry Neutts

f. Olive Kagler

g. James Kagler
m. Flora Shorts

--Kenneth Kagler

--Carl Kagler

--Jack Kagler

3. Orrin Griswold
m. Libbie Rockwell

a. Charles Griswold

B. Rufus Griswold (1693) ²² (b. 02- -1824, Pleasant Mount, PA)
m. in 1858 to Nancy Miles (b. 1838)

1. Emma Jane Griswold (b. 1872, d. in childhood)
2. child (d. at birth)
3. Lula Drake (adopted)
m. Wallace Mills
a. Bessie Mills
m. (?) Wallace Deming
b. Orasmuth Mills
c. Gladys Mills
d. Rufus Mills
C. Ambrose Griswold (1694) (b. 1828)
D. Mary Griswold (1695) ²³ (b. Pleasant Mount, PA--
d. Peckville, PA)
m. Hiram Dibble

IV. SUMNER GRISWOLD (841) ²⁴ (08-20-1798, in MA--09-20-1864, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. Clarissa Gelatte (10-30-1809--08-16-1881, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)

A. Daniel Griswold (1696) ²⁵ (b. 1837, Wayne County, PA)

m., first, Delia Sanders
m., second, Euphemia

1. Clara Griswold
m. John Mushrush

a. Clela Mushrush (d. 1923)
m. in 1914 to Charles Sanders (d. 12-25-1968)

--Clara Sanders

b. Neita Mushrush
m. Charles Myers

--Lloyd Myers

2. Lillie Griswold
m. Will Sims

a. Charles Sims

b. Lucile Sims

c. Alla Simms

d. Elizabeth Simms

3. Mamie Griswold
m. George Sims

a. Easter Sims

4. Oliver Griswold
m. Effie

a. Arthur Griswold

b. Roy Griswold

c. Myrtle Griswold
m. Frank Camp

--Elmer Camp

--Lela Camp

d. Veda Griswold

e. Vida Griswold

5. Grant Grisowld (d. 1927)
m. Kate

6. Joseph Griswold
m. Maggie

7. Myrtle Griswold

B. Lewis Griswold (1697) ²⁶ (b. 1840, Wayne County, PA, d. 1861; interred CCBCC)
m. Susan Bennett

1. Mamie Griswold
m. Emery Howell (d. 1927)

a. Alta Howell (d. 10-04-1968)
m., first, William Fox
m., second, Frank Anthony

--Eloise
m. Kenneth Rickerson ²⁷

. Terry Rickerson

. Jacquelyn Rickerson

b. Louis Howell
m. Eva Burdick

--Dora Howell

c. Arbie Howell
m. Cora Crandall

d. Guy Howell
m. Holmes

e. Gertrude Howell

C. Jennett Griswold (1698) ²⁸ (b. 1843, Wayne County, PA)
m. Willard Hathaway

1. Frank Hathaway

D. Electa Marie Griswold ²⁹ (04-23-1846--05-21-1929; interred CCBCC)
m. on 12-21-1863 to Henry William Arnold (09-17-1834--09-19-1920; interred CCBCC)

1. Jennie Ophelia Arnold (01-22-1865--04-14-1940; interred CCBCC)
m. in 1886 to Charles A. Gaylord (1857--05-15-1904; interred CCBCC)

a. Ethel Lenora Gaylord (05-29-1888-12-25-1963)
m. on 08-07-1906 to Stephen Geuther (07- -1881--09-15-1959)

--Neva Estella Geuther (b. 05-05-1907)
m., first, in 1928 to Russell Wildenstein (08-03-1902--02-25-1960)
m., second, on 12-18-1965 to Robert D. Phillips (d. 09-25-1977)

--Elva May Geuther (b. 09-09-1908)
m. on 07-17-1930 to Edwin Bates (d. 04-24-1945)

--Charles Burton Geuther (b. 07-04-1912, Philadelphia, PA)
m. on 06-27-1936 to Elizabeth Corey (b. 10-15-1914)

. Shirley Frances Geuther (b. 08-26-1937)
m. on 08-01-1971 to Richard Fischer

. Carol Roberta Geuther (b. 02-03-1940)
m. on 07-05-1959 to Clarence Kilmer, Jr. (b. 03-03-1938)

Kevin Allen Kilmer (b. 03-03-1960)

Joel Mark Kilmer (b. 06-08-1962)

Darlene Marie Kilmer (b. 12-11-1963)
m. on 09-06-1980 to Albert Valshinas (b. 08-06-1957)

Daniel Shawn Kilmer (b. 04-04-1968)

Eric Scott Kilmer (b. 12-05-1971)

Melissa Jane Kilmer (b. 09-03-1975)

. Robert Karl Geuther (b. 09-19-1941)
m. on 07-29-1967 to Rebecca Leah Mead (b. 04-05-1946)

Rachel Lee Geuther (b. 08-27-1968)

Bonnie Kim Geuther (b. 07-28-1969)

Dale Robert Geuther (b. 08-24-1970)

Andrew Bert Geuther (b. 08-17-1974)

Janet Lynn Geuther (b. 04-12-1977)

. Elaine Marilyn Geuther (b. 08-02-1944)
m. on 08-20-1963 to George Francis Quigley (b. 06-01-1935)

Patricia Ann Quigley (b. 03-17-1966)

Richard Charles Quigley (b. 03-30-1974)

Georgette Elaine Quigley (b. 01-19-1976)

Susan Marie Quigley (b. 03-20-1979)

. Kathryn Jane Geuther (b. 08-14-1947)
m. on 02-04-1967 to Frederick Gill (b. 11-19-1946)

Frederick Charles Gill (b. 10-04-1967)

Kenneth Brian Gill (b. 01-22-1969)

Tammy Faith Gill (b. 07-16-1977)

. Esther Linda Geuther (b. 07-21-1950)
m. on 12-09-1967 to Paul Kutch (b. 04-21-1944)

Paula Lynn Kutch (b. 09-27-1970)

James Paul Kutch (11-23-1972--11-26-1972)

Jennifer Lee Kutch (b. 05-18-1975)

Adam Charles Kutch (b. 08-03-1976)

--Leeta Alta Geuther (b. 02-28-1914)

. Susan Jane Geuther (b. 05-11-1938)
m. on 06-30-1956 to Arthur H. Rose (b. 09-06-1935)

Michael Stephen Rose (b. 11-27-1957)

m. on 02-15-1975 to Judy Ann Moughnos (b. 10-07-1958)

Michael Stephen Rose, Jr. (b. 07-30-1975)

Brandi Amber Rose (b. 08-08-1977)

David Lee Rose (b. 09-23-1960)

Timothy Mark Rose (b. 07-27-1964)

Holly Marie Rose (b. 07-28-1965)

Thomas Arthur Rose (b. 05-21-1969)

--Merton Paul Geuther (04-24-1921--11-24-1945)
m. Virginia Ogden

--Darwin Lewis Geuther (b. 04-01-1925)
m. on 06-10-1950 to Florence Edwards

. Ronald Charles Geuther (b. 09-26-1952)

. Karen Jean Geuther (b. 08-30-1953)

. Debby Ann Geuther (b. 05-19-1957)
m. on 01-05-1980 to Thomas F. Brady, Jr.

. Mark Edward Geuther (b. 07-28-1961)

--Nina Marie Geuther (b. 01-13-1927)
m. 11-24-1956 to Walter Kozak

. Christina Kozak (b. 07-19-1957)

. Walter William Kozak (b. 05-29-1962)

--Dorothy Fay Geuther (b. 04-21-1929)
m. on 05-23-1953 to Norman Brunt

. Stephen Thomas Brunt (b. 12-23-1953)
m. on 08-13-1977 to Susan Bentley

. Michael Craig Brunt (04-08-1955--03-20-1980)

b. Galen Wilmer Gaylord (07-09-1890--06-23-1971; interred CCBCC)
m. on 02- -1947 to Jessie Wallace
(d. 04-08-1955)

c. Charles Arlyn Gaylord (09-13-1903--09-24-1967)
m. Florence Painter

--Richard Gaylord (b. 01-16-1943)

2. Louis Henry Arnold (05-26-1868--10-18-1952; interred CCBCC)
m. on 08-03-1889 to Harriet McAvoy (04-06-1868--09-12-1945; interred CCBCC)

a. Claude Fay Arnold (03-08-1890--02-17-1973; interred CCBCC)
m. on 07-12-1918 to Mary LaVange Quintin (b. 01-25-1897)

--Mary Fay Arnold (b. 08-26-1921)
m. on 05-08-1961 to Peter P. Sosenko
(02-02-1901--08-03-1967)

--Lewis Quintin Arnold (b. 12-24-1923)
m., first, on 04-21-1946 to Barbara Elaine Brooke (b. 09-13-1923);
div. 03-24-1951

m., second, on 03-31-1951 to Marjory Mary Evans (04-16-1930--02-14-1975)
m., third, on 07-29-1976 to Marjorie Alice (Mitchell) (Shooter) Shaver
(b. 11-02-1938); div. 11-19-1977
m., fourth, on 05-27-1978 to Gertrude Jean (Goldsteen) Seuss (b. 03-19-1930)

. Shirley Anne Arnold (b. 10-23-1947)
m. on 08-06-1966 to Anthony Van Mabee

Christina Lynn Van Mabee (b. 05-13-1967)

Tabitha Louise Van Mabee (b. 09-15-1970)

Steven Anthony Van Mabee (b. 07-17-1976)

. Gerard Lewis Arnold (b. 02-08-1952)
m. Mary K. Hall

. Mary Kathleen Arnold (b. 08-06-1953)
m. on 07-07-1973 to James Mehling

James Mehling (b. 12-23-1975)

Robert Lee Mehling (b. 10-06-1977)

. Vincent William Arnold (b. 04-17-1959)

. Teresa Louise Arnold (b. 09-29-1965)

. Michael Phillip Arnold (b. 04-01-1967)

b. Eva Pearl Arnold (b. 01-18-1892)
m. on 09-09-1914 to William George Cox
(09-19-1895--11-04-1968)

--Willard George Cox (b. 02-24-1915)
m. on 06-14-1939 to Violet Decima Craven (b. 07-02-1915)

. Carol Decima Cox (b. 03-24-1942)
m. on 01-09-1965 to William Gerald Ratchford (b. 02-08-1938)

Brian Gerald Ratchford (b. 09-30-1965)

Donald Jay Ratchford (b. 12-18-1966)

. Gilda Lee Cox (b. 06-03-1952)
m. on 10-11-1975 to Richard Leonard Budzinski; div. 03-24-1980

--Myrl Edwin Cox (b. 06-20-1917)
m. on 03-22-1941 to Sadie Parry
(b. 10-07-1918)

. Judith Ann Cox (b. 10-08-1941)
m. on 10-08-1966 to Eugene Kelly
(b. 08-09-1939)

Kathleen Marie Kelly (b. 09-10-1968)

. Myrl Edwin Cox, Jr. (b. 09-08-1944)
m. on 08-05-1967 to Elizabeth Boehmer (b. 06-03-1945)

Myrl Arthur Cox (b. 03-19-1980)

. Ruth Jean Cox (b. 04-06-1960)

--Francis James Cox (07-08-1920--03-18-1929)

--Robert Duane Cox (b. 08-13-1928)
m. on 04-21-1951 to Barbara Ewing
(b. 04-26-1927)

. Therese Ann Cox (b. 02-15-1952)
m. on 08-27-1977 to Richard La Pointe (b. 07-27-1951)

. Barbara Ann Cox (b. 11-29-1955)
m. on 10-14-1978 to Howard Ball
(b. 08-06-1954)

. Robert Joseph Cox (b. 07-03-1960)

. June Ann Cox (b. 04-18-1962)

c. Henry Keith Arnold (05-01-1894--06-26-1934; interred CCBCC)
m. in 1916 to Lillian Brunner (02-06-1896--12-06-1948)

--Vincent Keith Arnold (12-28-1916--04-22-1975; interred CCBCC)
m. Olive Gillow (b. 1923)

--Neil Robert Arnold (12-12-1920--02-14-1946; interred CCBCC)

--Daryl William Arnold (1925--01-21-1929; interred CCBCC)

--Dorothy Ada Arnold (b. 07-16-1926)
m. on 04-12-1946 to Earl Collins;
div. 09- -1948

--Jean Arnold (08-07-1930--08-14-1930;
interred CCBCC)

--Joan Arnold (08-07-1930--08-19-1930;
interred CCBCC)

--Beatrice Mae Arnold (b. 07-07-1932)
m. on 06-15-1950 to G. Carl Spangenburg
(b. 01-11-1930)

. Stephen Carl Spangenburg (b. 12-22-1950)
m. Constance

Kevin Spangenburg (b. 01-09-1974)

. Mark Allen Spangenburg (b. 12-07-1955)
m. on 02-14-1976 to Deborah Joanne Rhodes

d. Charles Lynn Arnold (11-07-1897--1975;
interred CCBCC)
m. on 05-22-1918 to Minnie M. Counterman
(03-26-1901--1976; interred CCBCC)

--Donald Lewis Arnold (b. 06-27-1920)
m. on 06-26-1943 at Bethany, PA, to
Mabel Robbins (b. 04-13-1925)

. Donna Marie Arnold (b. 08-19-1948)
m. on 07-03-1971 in Bethany Methodist Church to Christian Robert Stiles (b. 12-10-1944)

Craig Donald Stiles (b. 01-30-1972, Honesdale, PA)

Aimee Lynn Stiles (b. 03-18-1973, Honesdale, PA)

--Carl Lynn Arnold (b. 05-02-1922)
m. on 10-17-1946 to Pearl Lilley

. Lynnette Pearl Arnold (b. 08-26-1947)
m., first, on 10-15-1969 to James Ray; div.

m., second, on 08-06-1970 to Arthur Wolven

Jason Wolven (b. 11-22-1971)

. Peter Charles Arnold (b. 08-01-1952)
m. on 12-17-1970 to Lorina Pemberton

Peter Arnold (b. 11-19-1971)

. Dean Ronald Arnold (b. 03-07-1963)

--Calvin David Arnold (08-10-1924--01-07-1968; interred CCBCC)
m. on 06-19-1947 to Betty Box (b. 06-25-1927)

. Susan Jane Arnold (b. 11-26-1949)
m. on 02-19-1972 at Waymart, PA, to Gary Friermuth

Tracy Sue Friermuth (b. 01-11-1973)

. Jeffrey David Arnold (b. 08-13-1955)
m. on 08-23-1980 in Carbondale, PA, to Judy McDonough

. Robert Michael Arnold (b. 06-15-1957)
m. on 08-16-1980 in MA, to Barbara McDonough Schwartz

. Jennifer Leigh Arnold (b. 09-26-1967)

--Russell Burton Arnold (b. 02-11-1927)
m. on 10-29-1949 to Arlene Smith
(b. 03-16-1931, Dyberry Twp., PA)

. Karen Diane Arnold (b. 11-11-1954, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 03-08-1974 in Honesdale, PA, to Benjamin Hessling; div. 02-28-1977

Toby Ellen Hessling (b. 01-1975, Carbondale, PA)

. Kathy Marie Arnold (b. 03-17-1956, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 05-24-1980 in Bethany, PA, to Barry J. Vasisko (b. 12-23-1953, Honesdale, PA)

--William Henry Arnold (b. 03-23-1936)

m., first, on 10-11-1958 to Sheila; div. 1960
m., second, on 05-14-1960 to Eleanor Paana

. William Henry Arnold (b. 11-06-1959)

. Maelynn Arnold (b. 07-14-1960)

. Barbara Malia Arnold (b. 09-14-1962)

. Lance Kaunahi Arnold (b. 01-09-1968)

. Clint Kaloe Arnold (b. 04-07-1971)

. Merle Arnold (b. 05-19-1972)

e. Cecil Rexford Arnold (12-19-1901--09-12-1956; interred CCBCC)
m. on 03-26-1930 to Verla May Clift
(b. 07-06-1910)

--Claron George Arnold (b. 11-04-1930)
m. on 09-04-1954 to Delberta Helen Lewis (b. 09-23-1935)

. Rexford Claron Arnold (b. 09-24-1959)
m. on 12-16-1977 to Rebecca Kay Clark

. Sarah Mae Arnold (b. 06-25-1964)

. Sandra Lynn Arnold (b. 05-15-1968)

--Myra Jean Arnold (b. 02-19-1932)
m. on 05-30-1953 to Malcolm McDowall
(b. 12-18-1931)

. Deborah Ann McDowall (b. 10-30-1955)
m. on 08-08-1980 to Marvin Tracy Johns

--Maribel Irene Arnold (b. 08-01-1933)
m. on 03-22-1958 to Raymond Andrew Bodick (b. 06-25-1928)

. Raymond Andrew Bodick, Jr. (b. 11-29-1958)

. Barbara Annette Bodick (b. 12-04-1959)
m. on 10-14-1978 to Peter Russell Ridd

. Pamela Marie Bodick (b. 06-02-1964)

. Brenda Sue Bodick (b. 12-06-1966)

. Amy Teresa Bodick (b. 09-25-1968)

--Glen Lewis Arnold (b. 07-06-1935)
m. on 12-28-1957 to Ann Mary Garrick
(b. 08-20-1938)

. Catherine Arnold (b. 06-17-1958)
m. on 08-16-1975 to David Choquette

Paul David Choquette (b. 11-21-1975)

Keith Eugene Choquette (b. 08-07-1977)

Desiree Choquette (b. 05-11-1980)

. Robert Glen Arnold (b. 07-17-1959)

. Mary Rose Arnold (b. 10-04-1961)
m. on 06-30-1979 to John Bowen

. Karen Ann Arnold (b. 05-19-1964)

--Bessie May Arnold (b. 04-05-1938)
m. on 03-10-1962 to Charles Keith Stiteler (04-29-1939--09-05-1966;
interred CCBCC)

. Timothy Lee Stiteler (b. 12-24-1963)

. JoAnn Marie Stiteler (b. 07-18-1966)

--Clara Ann Arnold (b. 08-07-1941)
m. on 10-04-1962 to Bernard C. Cosgrove (b. 08-31-1938)

. Maureen Sue Cosgrove (b. 12-04-1963)

. Michael Allen Cosgrove (b. 12-01-1964)

--Gail Nelson Arnold (b. 09-01-1943)
m. on 12-03-1966 to Linda Marie Ficken (b. 07-03-1948)

- . Denise Lynn Arnold (b. 12-07-1967)
- . Connie Lee Arnold (b. 05-25-1969)
- . Christine Marie Arnold (b. 02-05-1972)

--Verla Dawn Arnold (b. 07-17-1946)
m. on 08-27-1966 to Lynton Schroll (b. 07-07-1941)

- . Lynton Schroll, Jr. (b. 12-10-1966)
- . Laura Ann Schroll (b. 01-19-1971)

--Rexana Lou Arnold (b. 05-13-1952)
m. on 01-03-1976 to Dr. William E. McDonough (b. 04-29-1946)

- . Megan McDonough (b. 03-20-1977)
- . William E. McDonough, Jr. (b. 10-06-1979)

f. Camilla Frances Irene Arnold (12-11-1905--10-28-1950; interred CCBCC)
m. on 11- -1924 to Oscar Clark Wilmot (09-27-1898--06-20-1970; interred CCBCC)

--Leon Dana Wilmot (07-23-1925)
m. on 05-31-1947 to M. Elizabeth La Varnway

- . Allyn Douglass Wilmot (b. 12-07-1947)
m. on 07-13-1968 to Sheryl Susan Ravert
- . David Scott Wilmot (b. 09-09-1957)

--Lloyd Earl Wilmot (b. 03-05-1927)
m. 10-08-1949 to Alma Figazewski

- . Barbara Jeanne Wilmot (b. 11-02-1950)
m. on 09-09-1972 to Donald Sass
- . Richard Lloyd Wilmot (b. 02-14-1955)
m. on 09-01-1980 to Carol Swarbuck (b. 04-05-1950)

--Arnold Dwight Wilmot (b. 04-05-1929)
m. on 08-18-1950 to Ouida Knight

- . Camilla Starr Wilmot (b. 07-03-1952)
m. on 10- -1977 to Frank Feliciano

Misty Lynn Feliciano (b. 01-21-1980)

--Harriet Camilla Irene Wilmot (b. 07-20-1931)
m. on 03-04-1952 to George LeRoy Gates

- . Gary LeRoy Gates (b. 03-25-1953)
m. on 10-16-1971 to Cheryl Donna George
- . Timothy David Gates (b. 03-24-1979)
- . Greg Lewis Gates (b. 04-02-1955)
m. on 03-17-1979 to Brenda Horner
- . Jennifer Lynn Gates (b. 01-19-1980)
- . Glenn Leland Gates (b. 04-26-1957)
- . Gloria Lynette Gates (b. 12-08-1958)
m. on 03-18-1978 to George Balson

--Eugene Leroy Wilmot (b. 06-14-1933)
m. on 08-27-1955 to Delores Ann Davis

- . Rennea Suzette Wilmot (b. 10-18-1957)
- . Dana Eugene Wilmot (b. 11-08-1959)
- . Trina Marie Wilmot (b. 12-27-1960)
- . Travis Le Clark Wilmot (b. 02-22-1969)

--Wanda Dawn Wilmot (b. 04-16-1940)
m., first, in 1958 to Harry Warren
m., second, in 1972 to John Mason

- . Camilla Irene Warren (b. 09-17-1958)
- . David Bruce Warren (b. 10-18-1960)
- . Brenda Gail Warren (b. 11-18-1961)
- . Harry Warren (b. 04-12-1963)

. Barbara Alice Warren (b. 08-19-1964)

--James Lewis Wilmot (b. 07-25-1942)
m., first, on 04-30-1962 to Celinda Mackey; div.
m., second, Diana

- . Clarence Edward Wilmot (b. 11-08-1965)
- . Donald James Wilmot (b. 03-01-1968)
- . Matthew Wilmot (b. 1979)

--Roland Francis Wilmot (b. 03-22-1947)
m. on 09-20-1967 to Shirley May Hamilton

- . Oscar Clark Wilmot IV (06-14-1968--06-20-1970)
- . Tracy Wilmot (09-25-1969--09-27-1969)
- . Jody Wilmot (b. 1971)

. George Francis Wilmot (b. 01-26-1974)

g. Lewis Cyril Arnold (02-29-1908--12-05-1958)
m., first, in 1934 to Mildred Craven (02-23-1910--08-25-1949)
m., second, on 02-25-1950 to Tillie Hryhorcoff Klenotiz

--Noreen Ann Arnold (b. 03-06-1935)
m. on 11-21-1953 to Joseph H. Farrow, Jr.

. Richard Joseph Farrow (b. 09-18-1954)

. Sandra Jean Farrow (b. 04-04-1956)

. Lou Ann Farrow (b. 07-28-1957)
m. Philip Raczkowski

Shannon Marie Raczkowski (b. 09-13-1975)

. Joseph Henry Farrow (b. 11-19-1958)

. William Arnold Farrow (b. 02-08-1962)

. Shawn Michael Farrow (b. 09-26-1967)

. Tracy Lee Farrow (b. 05-26-1969)

--Ruth Joyce Arnold (b. 08-22-1939)

3. Clarion Oliver Arnold (01-17-1871--08-03-1920; interred CCBCC)

4. Eva Arnold (03-30-1874--06-24-1936)
m. Edwin Randall (1876--02-27-1938)

5. Clarissa Belle Arnold (11-10-1877--08-21-1959)
m. on 03-07-1894 to Rev. Stephen Treat (04-20-1873--09-23-1918)

a. Charles Bliss Treat (b. 12-31-1894)
m., first, in 1917 to Pearl Crane (1891-1918)
m., second, on 05-10-1921 to Florence Longmire (b. 12-10-1895)

--Harold Sidney Treat (b. 07-02-1918)
m. on 06-09-1939 to Ruth Eleanor Danque (b. 04-20-1916)

. Charles Harold Treat (b. 05-03-1940)

. Joan Edith Treat (b. 09-11-1944)
m. on 09-18-1965 to Charles W. Jester (b. 04- -1944)

Charles William Jester (b. 09-09-1966)

Joy Michelle Jester (b. 07-02-1980)

. Thomas Gerald Treat (b. 08-23-1951)
m. on 05-05-1973 to Susan La Tourette; div. 1979

. James Gary Treat (b. 10-06-1956)

--Robert Charles Treat (b. 03-08-1922)
m. on 12-07-1945 to Bertha Babcock (b. 05-22-1925)

. Jeana Ray Treat (b. 10-07-1946)
m., first, on 08-27-1966 to Henry Little; div. 1977
m., second, on 08-26-1979 to Larry Palomino

Sheri Rene Little (b. 08-16-1973)

Robert Nathan Little (b. 08-07-1975)

. Sheri May Treat (b. 02-21-1951)
m. on 04-18-1970 to Glynn Jensen (b. 12-10-1949)

Mark Ernest Jensen (b. 03-02-1973)

Jeana Lynn Jensen (b. 08-07-1976)

Jonathan Ray Jensen (b. 05-06-1979)

--Stephen William Treat (b. 04-11-1923)
m. on 07-02-1955 to Marjorie Augusta Hill (b. 04-12-1928)

. Jeffrey Stephen Treat (b. 09-13-1957)

. Pamela Sue Treat (b. 08-06-1959)

. Jamie Scott Treat (b. 12-26-1960)

. Penny Sue Treat (b. 04-11-1967)

--Jane Elizabeth Treat (b. 05-28-1928)
m. on 11-23-1956 to Kenneth Cable (03-31- --02-16-1965)

b. Leo Francis Treat (b. 05-19-1897)
m. on 10-28-1916 to Hazel James (08-17-1891--12-29-1975)

--Roselyn Janet Treat (b. 03-31-1918)

--Beth Eleanor Treat (b. 03-27-1920)
m. on 08-11-1946 to Francis Kattel (b. 08-08-1921)

. Gary Lee Kattel (b. 02-19-1947)

. Betsy Ann Kattel (b. 10-27-1952)
m. on 08-05-1978 to Edward Walter Sojda

--Carol Dawn Treat (b. 05-02-1922)
m. on 04-14-1946 to George Sweet (b. 02-19-)

c. Beatrice Maria Treat (b. 12-24-1899)
m. on 06-20-1923 to Herbert Sickler (b. 10-28-1896)

--Roland Bliss Sickler (b. 10-28-1931)
m. Nancy Lucretia Gibbs (b. 11-04-1931)

. Bert Allen Sickler (b. 04-27-1954)
m. on 08-23-1974 to Lynn Carol Probst (b. 04-23-1952)

Jessica Clare Sickler (b. 12-02-1978)

. Janet Elizabeth Sickler (b. 04-15-1955)

. James Lawrence Sickler (b. 04-20-1957)
m. on 07-14-1978 to Carol Ann Lady (b. 08-10-1958)

. Ronnie Lynn Sickler (b. 04-15-1961)

. Robert Manning Sickler (b. 02-16-1968)

d. Verna Mildred Treat (b. 08-01-1902)
m. in 1925 to Edward Blakeslee (1904-1973)

--Kenneth Wallace Blakeslee (b. 04-23-1926)
m. on 07-29-1950 to Hilda Ruth Justice

e. Kenneth Joseph Treat (b. 06-26-1910)
m., first, on 02-22-1928 to Martha Kleckner (06-26-1910--04-04-1958)
m., second, on 12-31-1960 to Mary Van Brunt

--Kenneth Dale Treat (b. 06-06-1933)
m. on 09-01-1956 to Eleanor Eldridge

. Kenneth Clayton Treat (b. 09-30-1959)

. Terri Treat (b. 07-30-1961)

. Lauren Marie Treat (b. 02-17-1966)

--Peter Frailey Treat (b. 03-21-1938)
m., first, on 08-12-1961 to Joan McCafferty; div. 10- -1964
m., second, to Claire Shioji

. Sloane Pakiaki Treat (b. 11-12-1977)

f. Clarissa Belle Treat (b. 10-02-1917)
m. on 06-11-1941 to Rev. Robert Henry Sheehan (b. 03-22-1914)

--Barbara Joan Sheehan (b. 11-15-1945)
m. on 08-26-1967 to David J. Angstadt, Jr. (b. 02-17-)

. Lisa Beth Angstadt (b. 08-08-1969)

. Alice Diane Angstadt (b. 02-10-1971)

. Shawn David Angstadt (b. 10-29-1973)

. Susan Paige Angstadt (b. 10-11-1975)

. Marc Christopher Angstadt (b. 03-17-1977)

. Keith Michael Angstadt (b. 08-12-1980)

--Beth Lynette Sheehan (b. 10-27-1951)
m. on 10-01-1977 to Jeffrey Evans (b. 08-23-1951)

--Stephen Lee Sheehan (b. 05-25-1954)
m. on 07-27-1974 to Sharon Dawn Sickler (b. 10-12-1955)

6. Susan Anna Arnold (02-24-1880--01-19-1960)
m. in 1897 to John L. Cook (11-26-1872--11-05-1946)

a. Beulah Maria Cook (b. 06-06-1898)
m. on 06-10-1918 to John Pazel (06-01-1894--06-04-1971)

- Carl Thelbert Pazel (b. 09-06-1920)
m. on 09-25-1943 to Betty Potter
son (06-12-1947--06-12-1947)
- . JoAnn Marie Pazel (b. 05-06-1949)
m., first, on 05-11-1968 to William Dunn
m., second, on 12-14-1974 to Dennis Hazard
- Billy Jo Dunn (b. 11-04-1968)
- Carl Alfred Dunn (b. 07-14-1970)
- Eric Shawn Hazard (b. 05-12-1976)
- Clyde John Pazel (b. 10-07-1926)
m. on 09-27-1947 to Delores Smith
- . Lori Kimberly Pazel (b. 05-22-1959)
- b. Crystal May Cook (b. 02-12-1902)
m. on 05-30-1923 to Friend O. Gummoe (b. 09-24-1901)
- Wanda Gummoe (08-23-1924--10-20-1924)
- Neil Ian Gummoe (b. 01-07-1926)
m. on 01-21-1950 to Jane Lytle
- . Janet Ethel Gummoe (b. 07-14-1951)
- . John Thomas Gummoe (b. 09-23-1952)
- . James Lytle Gummoe (b. 05-30-1954)
- . Judith Catherine Gummoe (b. 04-27-1958)
- Ruth Julia Gummoe (03-11-1928--06-26-1966)
m. on 02-21-1953 to David Gager
- . Cynthia Leila Gager (b. 05-30-1958)
m. on 07-08-1978 to Paul Gillespie (b. 11-25-1955)
- c. Mildred Cook (b. 04-02-1904)
m. on 06-27-1925 to George Pazel (b. 04-21-1896)
- Louis George Pazel (b. 05-01-1929)
m. Gwendolyn Griner (b. 07-09-1932)
- . Terrance Lou Pazel (b. 12-25-1967)
- d. Anna Susan Cook (1906-1906)
- e. Merrill Lewis Cook (b. 11-09-1908)
m. on 07-21-1934 to Winifred Kane (b. 07-07-1909)
- . James Cook (b. 03-07-1937)
- f. Marshall Edwin Cook (b. 04-02-1912)
m. on 06-27-1936 to Frances M. Stark (b. 08-06-1911)
- Marilyn Kay Cook (b. 11-12-1939)
m. on 08-26-1961 to Wallace E. Ludwig
- . Scott Wallace Ludwig (b. 01-19-1966)
- Marcia Lee Cook (b. 11-23-1946)
m. on 07-30-1966 to Richard C. Murray
- . Constance Leigh Murray (b. 01-21-1967)
- . Andrea Murray (b. 11-17-1968)
- . Tricia Ann Murray (b. 04-14-1970)
- . Michael Patrick Murray (b. 12-07-1974)
- . Matthew Murray (11-03-1976--11-03-1976)
- . Christine Marie Murray (b. 05-29-1979)
- g. Lester John Cook (02-13-1915--04-16-1963)
m. on 04-20-1940 at Forest City, PA, to Pearl Pavne
- Cora Sue Cook (b. 01-11-1941)
- Belva June Cook (b. 06-05-1946)
m. on 01-12-1963 at Waymart, PA, to Richard Frank Utegg
- . Richard Frank Utegg, Jr. (b. 06-27-1963)
- . Tammy Sue Utegg (b. 09-07-1964)
- . James Robert Utegg (b. 08-14-1965)
- John Leonard Cook (b. 10-28-1947)
m. on 09-30-1972 at Forest City, PA, to Mary Simon
- . Aaron Simon Cook (b. 09-04-1973)
- . Joshua Lester Cook (b. 11-16-1974)
- . Gabriel Isaiah Cook (b. 05-01-1977)

- Nancy Lee Cook (b. 08-21-1952)
m. on 11-14-1970 at Waymart, PA, to Stephen L. Vaverchak
- . Andrew Lester Vaverchak (b. 02-17-1971)
- . Anissa Lee Vaverchak (b. 11-07-1978)
- h. Leila Belle Cook (b. 05-16-1918)
m. on 10-22-1938 to David J. Edwards (b. 08-15-1917)
- i. Gerald Clarion Cook (b. 11-14-1920)
m. on 03-03-1946 at Ridge Farm, Waymart, PA, to Marjorie Angeline Rude (b. 02-19-1924)
- . Susan Margaret Cook (b. 04-16-1949)
m. on 06-15-1970 in Baptist Church, Hilton, NY, to John Cease (b. 08-26-1947)
- Joshua Charles Cease (b. 11-14-1977)
- . Barbara Jane Cook (b. 03-23-1950)
- . Deborah Ann Cook (b. 02-23-1954)
m. in Baptist Church, Hilton, NY, to Daniel Green (b. 03-29-1948)
- . Richard John Cook (b. 02-22-1956)
- E. Jesse Griswold (1699)³⁰ (b. 1846)
- F. Oliver Griswold (1700)³¹ (1848, Wayne County, PA--1856, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)
- G. Harriet Griswold
m. Harry Hulbert
1. Isophene Hulbert
m. Bert Phillips
2. Alta Hulbert (d. 07-22-1959)
m. Charles Beeman (d. 07-21-1951)
3. Lewis Hulbert
m. Grace Jester
- a. Clara Hulbert
m. Rutherford
- b. Mildred Hulbert
m. Griffin
- c. Clyde Hulbert
- d. Harry Hulbert
- H. Angeline Griswold (d. 1861, interred CCBCC)³²
- V. HORACE GRISWOLD (842)³³ (11-15-1800, MA--05-03-1880, Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. Louisa A. McKnight (1809--08-21-1866, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)
- A. Silas J. Griswold (1701)³⁴ (1830, Wayne County, PA--08-02-1868, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)
- B. Asher Griswold (1702)³⁵ (02-05-1832, Susquehanna County, PA--08-30-1916, Haddam, KS)
m. on 01-01-1867 in Woodland, MN, to Mary Jane Spencer (08-28-1847, De Witt County, IL--02-27-1914, Haddam, KS)
1. Horace S. Griswold (07-13-1868, MN--08-13-1885, Republic County, KS)
2. Charles Griswold (04-20-1869, MN--08-23-1872, Republic County, KS)
3. Emily Griswold (04-04-1874, Republic County, KS--08-30-1955, Belleville, KS)
m., first, on 02-06-1896 in Belleville, KS, to Wallace Still (07-17-1867, DeKalb County, IL--03-27-1934, Haddam, KS)
m., second, in 1938 to Joe Cosand (d. 12-05-1950)
4. Francis Malden Griswold (05-15-1879, Republic County, KS--11-02-1958, Belleville, KS)
m. on 03-28-1903 in Haddam, KS, to Maud Cox (02-05-1879, Washington County, KS--08-29-1958, Belleville, KS)
- a. Chester William Griswold (01-06-1904, Republic County, KS--04-19-1922, Republic County, KS)
- b. Elvin Charles Griswold (04-02-1905--06-05-1979, Oberlin, KS)
m. on 05-01-1948 to Mildred Hunt
- c. Earl James Griswold (02-11-1907, Republic County, KS--02-16-1975, Akron, CO)
- d. Emily Esther Griswold (b. 02-11-1907, Republic County, KS)
- e. Francis Arleigh Griswold (b. 06-26-1908)
- C. Rhoda Griswold (1703)³⁶ (b. 1834, Wayne County, PA)
m. Benjamin F. Smith
- D. Cornelia Griswold (1704)³⁷ (1838, Wayne County, PA--1921, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)
- E. John Griswold (1705)³⁸ (01-17-1842, Susquehanna County, PA--03-13-1913, Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. Ernestine Wilhelmina Bucklish (1845, Altenburg, Saxony--1921, Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)

1. Louisa May Griswold (2840)³⁹ (02-08-1868, Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA--11-14-1941, Carbondale, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. at Carbondale, PA, by Rev. Swift to Howard Llewellyn Oliver (06-14-1868--07-09-1940; interred CCBCC)
- a. Harold Vane Oliver (09-24-1893, Carbondale, PA)
m., first, in 1919 to Elsie Isabel Moon (03-26-1897--11-25-1975) by Rev. Elmer E. Helms, Philadelphia, PA
m., second, to Pamela McWilliams Smith (d. 04-26-1977)
- Robert Eugene Oliver (04-18-1920, Carbondale, PA--10-31-1977)
m. on 12-11-1948 in Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, in St. Paul's U. Church to Doreen Laura Howard (b. 06-17-1927, Temiskaming P. O., Canada)
- . Mark Howard Oliver (b. 07-12-1949, Plattsburg, NY)
m., first, on 06-05-1971 in Auburn, NY, to Catherine Crowley; div. 1979
m., second, on 11-11-1979 in CA, to Mary Ann Old; div. 1980
- Robert Alan Oliver (b. 01-10-1980)
- . Sandra Jane Oliver (b. 04-07-1951, Plattsburg, NY)
m. on 08-03-1973 in First U. Methodist Church, Watertown, NY, to Peter William Hall (b. 08-21-1951, West Germany)
- Andrew Richard Hall (b. 08-25-1977)
- . Gordon James Oliver (b. 05-06-1957, Troy, NY)
- . Neil Robert Oliver (b. 05-06-1957, Troy, NY)
m. on 07-05-1980 in St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, East Syracuse, NY, to Sandra J. Verrette (b. 12-25-1956, Syracuse, NY)
- b. John Wilmer Oliver (03-04-1897, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 05-27-1918 in Carbondale, PA, by Rev. Warren L. Steeves to Jennie Reese (04-28-1898, Frostburg, MD--10-05-1973)
- Jack Wesley Oliver (b. 05-30-1919, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 08-30-1941 by Rev. White at Carbondale, PA, to Elizabeth May Campbell (b. 02-09-1922)
- . Raymond John Oliver (b. 04-02-1942)
m. on 09-08-- at Brooklyn, NY, to Miriam Del Gado
- Lisa Marie Oliver (b. 07-03-1966)
- Michelle Marie Oliver (b. 10-06-1968)
- . John William Oliver (b. 12-08-1946)
m. on 12-09-1976 at San Jose, CA, to Tama Hobbie
- Irene Mae Oliver (b. 03-24-1922, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 03-08-1947 by Rev. Bennet in MD, to Robert Olen Fish (04-15-1924--04-26-1951)
- . stepchild:
Barbara Ann (b. 05-15-1943, Stroudsburg, PA)
m. on 09-02-1967 to Robert David Jones
- Robert Joseph Jones (b. 12-10-1971)
- Neil Howard Oliver (05-29-1929, Carbondale, PA--09-22-1972)
m., first, on 06-06-1953 at Reno, NE, to Betty Schwab (b. 06-02-1929)
m., second, on 05-26-1966 to Dina Mau (b. 02-07-1932)
- . David Nelson Oliver (b. 03-18-1954)
- Keith Michael Oliver (b. 11-09-1977)
- Julie Louise Oliver (b. 04-16-1979)
- . Elizabeth Jane Oliver (b. 04-12-1956)
- . Janice Lynn Oliver (b. 04-25-1957)
- . Chrystal Ann Oliver (b. 11-17-1958)
- Phyllis Ann Oliver (b. 05-07-1931, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 08-19-1950 to Albert Donato (d. 09--1979)
- . Thomas Albert Donato (b. 04-02-1951)
- child
- child
- . James Donato (b. 06-28-1952)
- child
- child

1906

The descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met and organized as a reunion at Grange Hall [Moosic Grange 1041] Clinton March 22, 1906. Officers were elected as follows:
John Griswold. President
Fred Griswold. Vice President
Theron Loomis. Secretary
Nathan Griswold. Treasurer.
Collection taken to defray expenses amounting to \$2.25.
Moved and seconded that third Wednesday in August be date of annual reunion, and Grange Hall Clinton be meeting place.
Committees chosen.
First committee being entertainment committee consisting of Henry Corey, Kate Curtis, Rena Griswold Cowperwaite, Henry Corey chairman.
Table committee: -
Mame Loomis, Clara Griswold Borchers, Clarissa Treat, Mame Loomis as chairman.
Reception committee, Laura Loomis, Louisa Curtis, Cornelia Gaylord, Laura Loomis as chairman.
Number at the first meeting which met in the Grange Hall Clinton being 77.
Next meeting to be held in Grange Hall Clinton August 15, 1906.

T. O. Loomis Sec.

Those who attended the March 22, 1906 Griswold Reunion organizational meeting, and their ages at that time (given in parentheses after their names) are as follows:

Nathan Griswold (74), Laura G. Loomis (79), Louisa G. Curtis (78), Cornelia Gaylord (65), John Griswold (64), Mrs. John Griswold (60), Albert Corey (60), Mrs. Albert Corey (53), Theron Loomis (58), Frank H. Curtis (51), Mrs. Frank H. Curtis (40), E. A. Howell (50), Mamie G. Howell (45), F. Earl Loomis (44), Mrs. F. Earl Loomis (34), William V. Curtis (48), Theo. R. Borchers (41), Clara G. Borchers (39), Laura M. Rude (41), Fred C. Griswold (35), Mrs. Fred C. Griswold (39), Mrs. Milo Gardner (46), George A. Curtis (43), Mrs. George A. Curtis (39), C. J. Stiles (44), Mrs. C. J. Stiles (34), Lewis Arnold (37), Mrs. Rena G. Cowperthwaite (32), Stephen Treat (31), Mrs. Clarissa Treat (28), Arthur Corey (28), Henry Corey (27), Charles Corey (20), Louise Corey (17), Grace Corey (10), Arthur Curtis (38), Mrs. Arthur Curtis (31), Friend Bucklish, Ora Loomis (24), Edna Loomis (20), Leona Borchers (17), Flora Loomis (14), Herbert Loomis (12), Nettie Loomis (10), Floyd Loomis (8), Laura Loomis (6), Russell Loomis (4), Francis Curtis (14), Carrie Curtis (12), Homer Curtis (11), Verna Curtis (8), Clistia Curtis (1), Cora Curtis (11), Pearl Curtis (14), Rex Arnold (4), Leah Stiles (13), William Stiles (5), Charlotte Stiles (3), Keith Arnold (12), Bliss Treat (11), Leo Treat (8), Verna Treat (1), Beatrice Treat (3), Helen Curtis (9), Henry Curtis (7), Rose Curtis (6), Louise Curtis (2), Hobart Curtis (9), Harriet Curtis (7), Juanita Curtis (4), Beatrice Curtis (3), Norville Curtis (1), Dwight Rude (7), Gertrude Howell (5), Gaylend Gaylord, Mrs. James Rainey, Mr. James Rainey.

1906

The second reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold was held at Grange Hall, Clinton, Aug 15 - 1906.

The same officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Committees chosen -
First committee being entertainment committee, consisting of Mrs. Arthur Curtis, Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite and Mrs. Lewis Arnold. Mrs. Curtis chairman.

Laura Curtis Rude was appointed to furnish music.

The other committees remained the same as last year. It was moved and seconded that a committee on by-laws be chosen, and the following were elected: David Gaylord, William Rude and Arthur Curtis.

We were pleased to hear remarks from different members of the family.

Number of attendants at the second meeting being one hundred and nine.

Next reunion to be held in Grange Hall, Clinton August 21 - 1907.

Theron Loomis Sec.

Those who attended the August 15, 1906 Griswold Reunion and their ages (given in parentheses), if they did not attend the March 22, 1906 reunion, are as follows:

Nathan Griswold, Laura G. Loomis, Louisa G. Curtis, Cornelia Gaylord, John Griswold, Mrs. John Griswold, Albert Corey, Mrs. Albert Corey, Theron Loomis, Frank H. Curtis, Mrs. Frank H. Curtis, Mamie G. Howell, F. Earl Loomis, Mrs. F. Earl Loomis, Laura M. Rude, Fred C. Griswold, Mrs. Fred C. Griswold, Mrs. Milo Gardner, George A. Curtis, Mrs. George A. Curtis, C. J. Stiles, Mrs. C. J. Stiles, Lewis Arnold, Mrs. Rena G. Cowperthwaite, Charles Corey, Louise Corey, Grace Corey, Arthur Curtis, Mrs. Arthur Curtis, Edna Loomis, Flora Loomis, Herbert Loomis, Nettie Loomis, Floyd Loomis, Laura Loomis, Russell Loomis, Francis Curtis, Carrie Curtis, Homer Curtis, Verna Curtis, Clistia Curtis, Pearl Arnold, Rex Arnold, Leah Stiles, William Stiles, Charlotte Stiles, Keith Arnold, Helen Curtis, Henry Curtis, Rose Curtis, Louise Curtis, Hobart Curtis, Harriet Curtis, Juanita Curtis, Beatrice Curtis, Norville Curtis, Dwight Rude, Gertrude Howell, Gaylend Gaylord, Mr. James Rainey, Mrs. James Rainey, Mr. Henry Arnold (72), Mrs. Jennie Gaylord (71), Mrs. Louisa Johnson (75), J. C. Griswold (57), Rufus Griswold (84), H. B. Curtis (80), Stephen Keglir (62), Althea Keglir (55), Mrs. B. T. Smith (64), Mr. B. T. Smith (68), Mrs. Henry Arnold (60), Mrs. Nancy Griswold (68), Augusta Curtis (44), I. W. Cowperthwaite (40), W. E. Rude (40), Mrs. L. H. Arnold (38), Mrs. E. L. Olver (38), Howard Olver (38), Mrs. Edwin Randall (32), Mr. Edwin Randall (30), Mark Griswold (28), C. L. R. Griswold, M. D. (23), Mrs. Stephen Geuther (18), Alta Howell (18), Irene Curtis (16), Eva Stiles (15), Vance Griswold (15), Ina Stiles (11), Harold Olver (12), J. Wilmer Olver (9), Camilla Arnold (8), Fred Olver (4), Minna E. Olver (1), Lewis R. Rude (3), Burdette Gardner (11), Edith Gardner (9), Arlyn Gaylord (3), Mr. Fred Bucklish (64), Mrs. Fred Bucklish (60), Mahala Bucklish (25), Alice Bucklish (21), Minnie Bucklish (17), Mr. D. A. Gaylord (61), Mrs. D. A. Gaylord (64), Lenora Rude Groat (36), Miss Rose Rainey (18), Stanley Rainey (14), Miss Cora Budd (21).

- Patricia Ann Donato (b. 04-30-1954)
child
child
- Robert Donato (b. 01-03-1956)
child
child
- Albert Raymond Donato (b. 10-05-1958)
- Coleen Ann Donato (b. 12-02-1970)
- Janeen Ann Donato (b. 12-02-1970)

--Mary Louise Olver (b. 04-12-1935, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 04-27-1957 by Father Nealon at Carbondale, PA, to Michael Flanagan (b. 06-04-1934)

- James Michael Flanagan (b. 12-06-1959)
m. on 07-05-1980 at Rochester, NY, to Cynthia Nemer
- Rosemary Flanagan (b. 09-26-1961)
- Michelle Elizabeth Flanagan (b. 02-17-1964)
- Daniel Thomas Flanagan (b. 01-30-1965)
- Colleen Louise Flanagan (b. 10-07-1967)

c. Fred Arthur Olver (b. 02-12-1902, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 01-20-1937 in Carbondale, PA, to Dorothy Lambert (b. 01-26-1914, Suffern, NY)

--Marjorie Louise Olver (b. 11-22-1937, Carbondale, PA)
m., first, on 04-04-1959 to Gerald Flood (1934--02-27-1966)
m., second, to James Schofield

- Gary Michael (b. 10-13-1962)
- Robert Joseph (b. 05-29-1964)
- Thomas Jeffrey (b. 08-09-1965)
- Frederick (b. 01-07-1969)

--Jean Elizabeth Olver (b. 09-18-1942)
m. James A. Kase III (b. 09-28-1941)

- Geoffrey Kase (b. 05-20-1966)
- Kristen Elizabeth Kase (b. 03-29-1964)
- Matthew A. Kase (b. 01-05-1969)

--Barbara Doreen Olver (b. 12-18-1948, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 10-24-1970 to Richard Markey (b. 10-09-1948)

- Kathryn Lara Markey (b. 02-16-1980)

d. Minna Elizabeth Olver (b. 01-30-1905, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 07-17-1929 by Rev. Paul S. Olver to Reginald Blair (07-29-1903, Carbondale, PA--05-09-1972, Milton, PA)

--Bryce Wilson Blair (b. 11-21-1930)
m. on 03-26-1954 to Nancy Truckenmiller

- Victoria Lynn Blair (b. 11-20-1954)
- Frederick Reginald Blair (b. 12-05-1956)

--Douglas Stanley Blair (b. 11-22-1932, Carbondale, PA)
m. on 08-13-1961 to Helen Y. Evans (b. 11-14-1939, Alabama)

- Frank K. Blair (b. 05-09-1962)
- Rose Annette Blair (b. 07-13-1964)

--Judith Ann Blair (b. 01-29-1940)

2. Fred C. Griswold (1870, Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA--1947, Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)
m. Carrie McAvoy (1869--05-09-1938; interred CCBCC)

a. Julius Vance Griswold (06-03-1891--09-03-1967; interred CCBCC)
m. Nira J. Rehbein (b. 1896; interred CCBCC)

--John Vance Griswold (01-06-1925--07-23-1954)
m. on 06-14-1952 to Doris Gibbs

- Charles Frederick Griswold (b. 09-28-1953)

3. Rena Griswold (10-19-1873--05-03-1958; interred CCBCC)
m. Isaac Wilson Cowperthwaite (1866-1927; interred CCBCC)

F. Charles G. Griswold (1706) 40 (1844, Wayne County, PA--12-26-1869, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)

G. Dwight A. Griswold (1845--12-11-1856, Wayne County, PA; interred CCBCC)

H. Malden J. Griswold (1707) 41 (b. 1851, Wayne County, PA--1934; interred CCBCC)
m. Clara A. Hopkins (1857--05- -1932)

- Mark Emerson Griswold (1879--03-20-1964; interred CCBCC)
- Alice Gertrude Griswold (1881-1910; interred CCBCC)

I. Francis Griswold (d. 1819; interred CCBCC)

J. Emily Griswold
m. Frank Tingley

- Horace Tingley (d. 05-20-1939)
- Eugene Tingley (d. 07-23-1929)
m. Julia M.
- Eva Tingley
m. Wesley Smith
 - Benjamin Smith
 - Archie Smith
m. Zoe McKenzie--Wesley Smith
--Constance Smith
--Randolph Smith

4. Cora Tingley
m. F. B. Hayford

VI. SEDATE GRISWOLD (843) 42 10-01-1802, Norwich, MA MA--05-20-1862)
m., first, Julia Burns
m., second, Nancy (b. 1803, MA)

A. Amelia Griswold (1708) 43 (b. 1831, Wayne County, PA)
m. Frank Thayer

B. Jane Griswold (1709) (1834--07-26-1856)

C. Julius Griswold (1710) 44 (1835--07-14-1864)

D. Anna Griswold (1711) 45 (b. 1838)
m. Hamilton Fordyce

- Anna Fordyce (d. 12- -1928)
m. Wilmer Marsh (d. 05-25-1929)
- Frances Fordyce
m. Albert Cliffe
- Camilla Fordyce (d. 01-28-1922)
m. Edward Williams
 - Elizabeth Williams

E. Emeline Griswold (1712) 46 (b. 1840)

F. Henry Griswold (1713) 47 (b. 1843)

G. Mahala Griswold (1714) 48 (b. 1845)

H. Eva Griswold
m. John McCauley

- Bessie McCauley
- Lewis McCauley

GRISWOLD REUNION 1981

The seventy-fifth annual reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden will take place on August 19, 1981.

For particulars as to time and place, contact the Secretary of the Griswold Reunion, Mrs. Dwight W. Rude, Box 86, R. D., Waymart, PA 18472.

MINUTES OF THE GRISWOLD REUNIONS 1906-1980

We are all very much indebted to those persons who, over the years, have served as Secretary of the Griswold Reunion, and to the present Secretary, Margaret Abbie (Remsen) Rude, for having recorded the proceedings of the Griswold Reunions.

Those persons who served as Secretary of the Griswold Reunion prior to the present Secretary are as follows:

Theron Orsemus Loomis
Arthur Hamblin Curtis (pro tempore)
Claude Fay Arnold
Flora Lillian (Loomis) Brown
Edith A. Gardner (pro tempore)
Rena (Griswold) Cowperthwaite
Carrie Inez (Curtis) Loomis

Here follows a typescript of the minutes of the Griswold Reunions from 1906 to 1980. Spelling and punctuation are given here as in the original.

1907

The third reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold was held at Grange Hall, Clinton, Wayne Co., Pa., August 21, 1907.

After a most elaborate dinner, the company assembled in the hall to enjoy the excellent program arranged by the committees. Many praises were heard in their favor. The assembly adjourned before a business meeting was called, and therefore no new committees, roll call or any other business matter was attended to.

The committee on by-laws submitted the following for ratification and it was moved and seconded that they should become the by-laws of the association.

By-laws of the Griswold Re-Union.

--Preamble-- The object of this Reunion shall be for a general good and friendly meeting; not only this but that Relatives, Friends and neighbors may get in a closer relationship to each other.

That relatives both near and far may not be lost sight of and forgotten.

That the reunion here may make us mindful of the great reunion which is to take place in Heaven.

1st. This Reunion shall be known as the Griswold Reunion.

2nd. That it shall meet the third Wednesday in August, each year in the Moosic Grange Hall - Township of Clinton - State of Penn. (Post-office address - Waymart, R. F. D. # 1 Pa.).

3rd. That the officers of said Reunion shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, whose term shall be two (2) years. That the said officers shall be elected by acclamation - that the committees shall be appointed by the Chair.

5th. That a collection shall be taken each year to meet the current expenses.

6th. It shall be the duty of said officers to see that every thing is carried out for the entertainment and good of the Reunion.

7th. That all persons by blood or marriage belong and are most cordially welcome to attend.

8th. That close friends of the same are welcomed to attend said Reunions.

9th. That the said by-laws may be altered or amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

Com. on by-laws	D. A. Gaylord
Aug. 21, 1907	A. H. Curtis
	W. E. Rude.

Amendment to No. 2

Place of meeting may be changed by a 2/3 vote of the number present the preceding year.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion 1907 are as follows:

Nathan Griswold, Laura G. Loomis, Louisa G. Curtis, Cornelia Gaylord, John Griswold, Mrs. John Griswold, Albert Corey, Mrs. Albert Corey, Theron Loomis, Frank H. Curtis, Mrs. Frank H. Curtis, F. Earl Loomis, Mrs. F. Earl Loomis, Clara G. Borchers, Laura M. Rude, Fred C. Griswold, Mrs. Fred C. Griswold, Mrs. Milo Gardner, George A. Curtis, Mrs. George A. Curtis, C. J. Stiles, Mrs. C. J. Stiles, Lewis Arnold, Mrs. Rena G. Cowperthwaite, Stephen Treat, Mrs. Clarissa Treat, Arthur Corey, Henry Corey, Charles Corey, Louise Corey, Grace Corey, Arthur Curtis, Mrs. Arthur Curtis, Friend Bucklish, Edna Loomis, Leona Borchers, Flora Loomis, Herbert Loomis, Nettie Loomis, Floyd Loomis, Laura Loomis, Russell Loomis, Francis Curtis, Carrie Curtis, Homer Curtis, Verna Curtis, Clistia Curtis, Pearl Arnold, Rex Arnold, Leah Stiles, William Stiles, Charlotte Stiles, Keith Arnold, Bliss Treat, Leo Treat, Verna Treat, Beatrice Treat, Helen Curtis, Henry Curtis, Rose Curtis, Louise Curtis, Hobart Curtis, Harriet Curtis, Juanita Curtis, Beatrice Curtis, Norville Curtis, Dwight Rude, Gaylend Gaylord, Mr. James Rainey, Mrs. James Rainey, Mr. Henry Arnold, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Stephen Keglir, Althea Keglir, Mrs. B. T. Smith, Mr. B. T. Smith, Mrs. Henry Arnold, Mrs. Nancy Griswold, Augusta Curtis, I. W. Cowperthwaite, W. E. Rude, Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Mrs. H. L. Olver, Howard Olver, Mrs. Edwin Randall, C. L. R. Griswold, M. D., Mrs. Stephen Geuther, Irene Curtis, Eva Stiles, Vance Griswold, Ina Stiles, Harold Olver, J. Wilmer Olver, Camilla Arnold, Fred Olver, Minna E. Olver, Lewis R. Rude, Burdette Gardner, Edith Gardner, Arlyn Gaylord, Mahala Bucklish, Alice Bucklish, Minnie Bucklish, Mr. D. A. Gaylord, Mrs. D. A. Gaylord, Lenora Rude Grote, Mr. Milo Gardner, Phene Phillips, Lewis Hulbert, M. J. Griswold, O. L. Griswold, Mrs. G. N. Gaylord, Grace Giles, W. C. Norton, G. H. Gaylord, Mrs. E. H. Ledyard, Mr. E. H. Ledyard, Mrs. W. C. Norton, Mr. H. M. Bunting, Mrs. H. M. Bunting, W. E. Rude, Ella Giles.

1908

The fourth reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold was held at the Grange Hall, Clinton, Wayne Co., Pa. Aug. 19, 1908.

After doing justice to a most excellent dinner, the descendants assembled in the hall to enjoy the rendering of a well filled program of entertainment.

At the close of the program a business meeting was held. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was moved and seconded that the officers and committees remain as they were.

Number of attendants at the fourth meeting was 116.

Next reunion to be held in Grange Hall, Clinton, - Aug. 18, 1909. T. Loomis Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion 1908 are as follows:

Nathan Griswold, Laura G. Loomis, Louisa G. Curtis, Cornelia Gaylord, John Griswold, Mrs. John Griswold, Mrs. Albert Corey, Theron Loomis, Frank H. Curtis, Mrs. Frank H. Curtis, F. Earl Loomis, Mrs. F. Earl Loomis, Theo. R. Borchers, Clara G. Borchers, Laura M. Rude, Fred C. Griswold, Mrs. Fred C. Griswold, Mrs. Milo Gardner, George A. Curtis, Mrs. George A. Curtis, C. J. Stiles, Mrs. C. J. Stiles, Lewis Arnold, Mrs. Rena G. Cowperthwaite, Stephen Treat, Mrs. Clarissa Treat, Arthur Corey, Henry Corey, Louise Corey, Grace Corey, Arthur Curtis, Mrs. Arthur Curtis, Ora Loomis, Flora Loomis, Herbert Loomis, Nettie Loomis, Floyd Loomis, Laura Loomis, Russell Loomis, Francis Curtis, Carrie Curtis, Homer Curtis, Verna Curtis, Clistia Curtis, Pearl Arnold, Rex Arnold, Leah Stiles, William Stiles, Charlotte Stiles, Keith Arnold, Bliss Treat, Leo Treat, Verna Treat, Beatrice Treat, Helen Curtis, Henry Curtis, Rose Curtis, Louise Curtis, Hobart Curtis, Harriet Curtis, Juanita Curtis, Beatrice Curtis, Norville Curtis, Dwight Rude, Gertrude Howell, Gaylend Gaylord, Mr. James Rainey, Mrs. James Rainey, Mr. Henry Arnold, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Mrs. Louisa Johnson,

J. C. Griswold, Stephen Keglir, Althea Keglir, Mrs. B. T. Smith, Mr. B. T. Smith, Mrs. Henry Arnold, I. W. Cowperthwaite, W. E. Rude, Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Mrs. H. L. Olver, Howard Olver, Mrs. Stephen Geuther, C. L. R. Griswold, M. D., Irene Curtis, Eva Stiles, Vance Griswold, Ina Stiles, Harold Olver, J. Wilmer Olver, Camilla Arnold, Fred Olver, Minna E. Olver, Lewis R. Rude, Burdette Gardner, Edith Gardner, Arlyn Gaylord, Mahala Bucklish, Mr. D. A. Gaylord, Mrs. D. A. Gaylord, Phene Phillips, O. L. Griswold, Anna G. Fordyce, Elizabeth Griswold, Mrs. Willard Hathaway, Mrs. Theron Loomis, Mrs. C. R. Bunting, Roswell N. Bunting, Shirley M. Gaylord, Glen Gaylord, Claude Arnold, Beulah Cooke, Crystal Cooke, Mrs. Geary Gaylord, Marion Gaylord, Bernice Gaylord, Grace Giles, Mr. E. H. Ledyard, Mrs. W. C. Norton.

1909

The fifth annual reunion of the descendants of John & Elizabeth Griswold was held at the Grange Hall Clinton - Aug 18, 1909.

After a sumptuous dinner was served - a splendid game of ball was played between the married & single men, which ended slightly in favor of the boys. Meeting was then called to order by Pres. John Griswold (Arthur Curtis Sec. Pro. tem.) Prayer by Rev. James Rainey - Remarks & report of com. Total present including visitors (122) Receipts \$10.98 - Exp 5.87 Bal. on hand 5.11 Treasurer reports that collection not absolutely necessary at the meeting of 1910. Following Committees were appointed - Table Mrs. George Curtis - Mrs. L. H. Arnold & Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite. Entertainment - Flora Loomis, June Curtis & Pearl Arnold, - Music Mrs. Arthur Curtis. The following furnished music for entertainment & each member was called back & responded.

Orchestra - Vance Griswold H. Olver Mrs. W. E. Rude & A. H. Curtis.

Solo Miss Louisa Corey

Cornet Duett & Trio by Arthur, Robart & Harriett Curtis.

Trombone Solo by Charlie Corey. Mrs. Corey accom.

A new Com on Marriage - Deaths & Births were appointed & were advised to keep in direct lineage as possible. Com. Mrs. Stephen Kagler - Mrs. Jennie Arnold Gaylord & Geo. Curtis.

Married Henry Corey to [Ina Russell]

Births

Deaths

After Benediction by Pastor Rainey adjourned to meet 3rd Wed. Aug 1910.

Arthur H. Curtis Acting Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion 1909 are as follows:

Nathan Griswold, Laura G. Loomis, Louisa G. Curtis, Cornelia Gaylord, John Griswold, Mrs. John Griswold, Albert Corey, Mrs. Albert Corey, Frank H. Curtis, Mrs. Frank H. Curtis, F. Earl Loomis, Mrs. F. Earl Loomis, Clara G. Borchers, Laura M. Rude, Fred C. Griswold, Mrs. Fred C. Griswold, Mrs. Milo Gardner, George A. Curtis, Mrs. George A. Curtis, C. J. Stiles, Mrs. C. J. Stiles, Lewis Arnold, Mrs. Rena G. Cowperthwaite, Stephen Treat, Mrs. Clarissa Treat, Arthur Corey, Henry Corey, Charles Corey, Louise Corey, Grace Corey, Arthur Curtis, Mrs. Arthur Curtis, Flora Loomis, Herbert Loomis, Nettie Loomis, Floyd Loomis, Laura Loomis, Russell Loomis, Francis Curtis, Carrie Curtis, Homer Curtis, Verna Curtis, Clistia Curtis, Pearl Arnold, Rex Arnold, Leah Stiles, William Stiles, Charlotte Stiles, Keith Arnold, Bliss Treat, Leo Treat, Verna Treat, Beatrice Treat, Helen Curtis, Henry Curtis, Rose Curtis, Louise Curtis, Hobart Curtis, Harriet Curtis, Juanita Curtis, Beatrice Curtis, Norville Curtis, Dwight Rude, Gaylend Gaylord, Mr. James Rainey, Mrs. James Rainey, Mr. Henry Arnold, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, J. C. Griswold, Stephen Keglir, Althea Keglir, Mrs. B. T. Smith, Mr. B. T. Smith, Mrs. Henry Arnold, I. W. Cowperthwaite, W. E. Rude, Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Mrs. H. L. Olver, Howard Olver, Mrs. Edwin Randall, C. L. R. Griswold, M. D., Mrs. Stephen Geuther, Irene Curtis, Eva Stiles, Vance Griswold, Ina Stiles, Harold Olver, J. Wilmer Olver, Camilla Arnold, Fred Olver, Lewis R. Rude, Burdette Gardner, Edith Gardner, Arlyn Gaylord, Mr. Friend Bucklish, Mahala Bucklish, Minnie Bucklish, Stanley Rainey, O. L. Griswold, Elizabeth Griswold, Mrs. C. R. Bunting, Roswell N. Bunting, Shirley M. Gaylord, Glen Gaylord, Claude Arnold, Beulah Cooke, Crystal Cooke, Mrs. Geary Gaylord, Marion Gaylord, Bernice Gaylord, C. H. Gaylord, W. E. Rude, Mrs. [?][?] Griswold, Gertrude Griswold, Mrs. Myron Norton, Mrs. Henry Corey, Stephen Geuther, Neva Geuther, Elva Geuther, Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Varcoe, Carrie Curtis, Mabel Saunders, Miss Ethel M. Corey, Mrs. Alta E. Beaman (Otego, NY), A. J. Perry (Dundaff, PA), Mrs. A. J. Perry (Dundaff, PA), Ralph Perry (Dundaff, PA), Althea Perry (Dundaff, PA), Clara L. Hulbert (Otego, NY, R. D. #3), Burton D. Phillips (Morris, NY), Orin G. Kagler (Prompton, PA), Lynn Arnold, Cyril Arnold, Raymond Loomis, Edgar Stiles, Gertrude Gardner, Camilla Fordyce Williams, Merrill Cook, Bessie Griswold.

1910

The sixth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold was held at the Moosic Grange Hall Aug. 17, 1910.

After a dinner, which showed the skill of the woman of this family, a ball game took place. This ended after a few innings with a large score for the unmarried men.

The president, John Griswold, called the meeting to order. All joined in singing "America." Prayer led by Geo. Curtis followed. The minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Then came the election of officers.

President M. J. Griswold

V Pres. A. H. Curtis

Secretary Claude Arnold

Treasurer Nathan Griswold (re-elected)

The newly elected president was called to the chair and the new officers now took charge of the meeting. Roll call followed.

By a motion the Sec'y was instructed to rearrange the roll by families and keep the visitors separate from the family roll.

As the Entertainment Committee had not prepared a program a volunteer program followed. Ralph Terry delighted the audience with a recitation. C. J. and Miss Ina Stiles sang and so pleased those present that they were called back.

The report of the Com. on Births, Deaths and Marriages was read and accepted. On motion the same committee was re-appointed. The Pres. then appointed the Entertainment Com. consisting of Charles Corey, Leah Stiles, and Edna Loomis. A motion was made to include the old committee Flora Loomis Irene Curtis and Pearl Arnold. A motion was made that the Pres. appoint a com. with himself as chairman to write a history of the family. Pres. appointed Sec. Francis Curtis and Irene Curtis to assist him. The Pres then asked to be given time to think about whom he would put on the table com before he appointed that com. On motion this was granted him.

After quite a discussion a motion was carried giving the Pres. and his assistants the power to give to the Grange for the use of their hall what they thought would be right.

The collection was then taken which amounted to \$6.38. Other bills ordered paid.

After singing "Till we meet again" all dispersed to their homes to meet again the third Wednesday in Aug. 1911 at Moosic Grange Hall.

Claude Arnold Sec'y

The Pres. later appointed Mrs. I. W. Cowperthwaite, Mrs. L. H. Arnold and Mrs. Frank Curtis table committee.

Claude Arnold Sec'y.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion 1910 are as follows:

Nathan Griswold, Laura G. Loomis, Cornelia Gaylord, John Griswold, Albert Corey, Mrs. Albert Corey, Theron Loomis, Frank H. Curtis, Mrs. Frank H. Curtis, E. A. Howell, Mammie G. Howell, F. Earl Loomis, Mrs. F. Earl Loomis, Laura M. Rude, Mrs. Milo Gardner, George A. Curtis, Mrs. George A. Curtis, C. J. Stiles, Mrs. C. J. Stiles, Lewis Arnold, Mrs. Rena G. Cowperthwaite, Arthur Corey, Charles Corey, Louise Corey, Grace Corey, Arthur Curtis, Mrs. Arthur Curtis, Ora Loomis, Edna Loomis, Flora Loomis, Herbert Loomis, Nettie Loomis, Floyd Loomis, Laura Loomis, Russell Loomis, Francis Curtis, Carrie Curtis, Homer Curtis, Verna Curtis, Clistia Curtis, Pearl Arnold, Rex Arnold, William Stiles, Alice Curtis, Charlotte Stiles, Helen Curtis, Rose Curtis, Louise Curtis, Hobart Curtis, Harriet Curtis, Juanita Curtis, Beatrice Curtis, Norville Curtis, Dwight Rude, Gaylend Gaylord, Mr. Henry Arnold, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Stephen Keglir, Althea Keglir, Mr. B. T. Smith, Mrs. Henry Arnold, Mrs. Nancy Griswold, W. E. Rude, Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Mrs. Stephen Geuther, Irene Curtis, Eva Stiles, Ina Stiles, J. Wilmer Olver, Camilla Arnold, Lewis R. Rude, Burdette Gardner, Edith Gardner, Arlyn Gaylord, Mahala Bucklish, Alice Bucklish, Phene Phillips, M. J. Griswold, Mrs. Theron Loomis, Claude Arnold, Beulah Cooke, Crystal Cooke, Margaret Wells (Dundaff, PA), Malden Loomis (Waymart, PA, R. D. #1), Emma Kagler (Prompton, PA).

1911

The seventh annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold was held at the Moosic Grange Hall Aug. 16, 1911.

After a dinner which would give credit to any community all gathered in the hall and conducted the business of the day. After the reading and approval of the minutes the roll was called. One hundred and three answered to their names and there were six visitors present. We were then led in prayer by Rev. James Rainey. Next came singing by the family. All the bills presented were then ordered paid. A discussion then took place about next year's reunion. A motion was made and carried that we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the coming of John Griswold into Clinton by a day and evening session, that the evening session be open to the public, that the entertainment be in the evening, and that both dinner and supper be served.

A motion was made and carried that an inscription be placed on the tomb of John Griswold showing that he was a Revolutionary soldier. This our president volunteered to do.

The Pres. then appointed the following committees: Entertainment Miss Augusta Curtis Charlie Corey and Miss Flora Loomis. Table Mrs. Jennie Gaylord Mrs. A. H. Curtis and Mrs. W. E. Rude. The committee on Births, Deaths, and Marriages reported two deaths, two births. There were no marriages.

Then came the entertainment. Rena Berman gave a very pleasing recitation and the Corey trio furnished an amusing number. C. J. Stiles, Mrs. Milo Gardner, and Mrs. Albert Corey then sang "Silver Threads among the Gold." A dialog by Wachta and Beatrice Curtis followed. Russel Loomis sang and Irene Curtis and Amanda Curtis gave an instrumental duet.

Then came an adjournment to meet the third Wed. in Aug. 1912.

Claude Arnold
Sec'y

1912

The eighth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold and the 100th anniversary of his coming and settling in Clinton, Wayne Co. was held at the Moosic Grange Hall Aug. 21, 1912.

After a grand dinner served by the ladies and a ball game all assembled in the Hall. The meeting was called to order by the President M. J. Griswold. America was sung and Rev. Stephen Treat lead in prayer. The minutes of last year read and approved followed by roll call. Then the reports of the Committees on Births Deaths and Marriages and History were read and adopted. The com. on History of Family did much work which showed in their report. As it was quite lengthy two members of Com. Miss Irene Curtis and Francis Curtis took turns in reading it. At the conclusion of the reading of the report a rising vote of thanks was extended to the Com. A coll. of \$11.30 was then taken which was followed by election of officers for next two years resulting as follows

President G. A. Curtis
V. Pres F. C. Griswold
Secretary Claude Arnold
Treasurer Vance Griswold

A few remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Knight. A cornet solo rendered by Charles Corey was followed by more remarks by Rev. Stephen Treat. The afternoon session then closed.

Bills of 4.68 presented by Table Com. and \$1.00 for use of Grange Hall ordered paid, at evening services.

After supper descendants and friends met in the Hall to do business and enjoy a program provided by the committee.

GRISWOLD REUNION 1969. Given below are four enlarged details made by Donald W. Powell of a photograph taken by Clyde A. Bayless in the Mervin Henry Loomis meadow (presently the property of Alvin Mervin Loomis), behind the Maple Grove Baptist Church; Clyde A. Bayless photograph in the collection of Mrs. Lois Norton Curtis, Waymart, PA. The names of the persons in this photograph are given in the captions of the four details of this photograph (which together constitute the complete Clyde A. Bayless photograph) that are reproduced below.



GRISWOLD REUNION 1969 (detail). Standing (l. to r.): Raymond Peter Williams, Rev. Kenneth Dunn, Mrs. Mildred Dunn, Bernice Winifred (Curtis) Dolan. Seated (l. to r.): Alice Mae (Curtis) Williams, Verna Agatha (Curtis) Varcoe, Ensign Henry Varcoe, Wayne H. Perham.



GRISWOLD REUNION 1969 (detail). Standing (l. to r.): Lillian Beatrice (Curtis) Bartholomay, Norvelle Elliott (Curtis) Kern, Carol Louise (Bayless) Bracker, Juanita (Curtis) Gelder, Fred Arthur Oliver, Nira J. (Rehbein) Griswold, Mervin Henry Loomis. Seated (l. to r.): Henry L. Bayless, Louisa May (Corey) Bayless with William Bayless Bracker on her lap, Claude Fay Arnold, Mary LaVange (Quintin) Arnold, Kyra Jo Curtis (seated on ground).



GRISWOLD REUNION 1969 (detail). Standing (l. to r.): Mervin Henry Loomis, Audrey Ruth Schaffer, Leah Matilda (Stiles) Wright, Mildred Esther (Wright) LaBarre, Florence Ethel (Curtis) Cooley, Ann L. (Franc) Curtis. Seated in middle row (l. to r.): Mary LaVange (Quintin) Arnold, Carrie Inez (Curtis) Loomis, Gertrude Irene (Loomis) Schaffer, Edith A. Gardner. Seated in front row on the ground (l. to r.): Paul Mervin Schaffer, Francis Henry Curtis IV, Linda June Schaffer, James Mark Schaffer, Nancy Lee Gardner.



GRISWOLD REUNION 1969 (detail). Standing (l. to r.): Ann L. (Franc) Curtis, Francis Henry Curtis III, Evelyn Letha Curtis, Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder. Seated in middle row (l. to r.): Myrtle (Wildenstein) Curtis, Lois (Norton) Curtis with Jennifer Dunn on her lap, Charles Snyder. Seated on ground in front row: Milo Robert Gardner.



GRISWOLD REUNION 1970. Photograph taken by Clyde A. Bayless of group assembled on front steps of Maple Grove Baptist Church; photograph in the collection of Lois Norton Curtis, copy print by Donald W. Powell. Back row (l. to r.): Edith A. Gardner, Rev. Kenneth Kunn, Mary LaVange (Quintin) Arnold, Carrie Inez (Curtis) Loomis, Grace Iona (Schweighofer) Curtis, Nira J. (Rehbein) Griswold. Second row from back (l. to r.): Gertrude Irene (Loomis) Schaffer, Minnie M. (Counterma) Arnold, Verna Agatha (Curtis) Varcoe, Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder, Alice Mae (Curtis) Williams. Third row from back (l. to r.): ? Brush, M. Faye (Arnold) Sosenko, Mrs. Mildred Dunn, Myrtle (Wildenstein) Curtis, Clyde A. Bayless. Fourth row from back (l. to r.): Ensign Henry Varcoe, George Pazel, Fred Arthur Oliver, Louisa May (Corey) Bayless. Fifth row from back (l. to r.): Charles Snyder, Henry George Curtis, Charles Lynn Arnold, ? Michael Conklin, Henry L. Bayless, Claude Fay Arnold. Sixth row from back (l. to r.): James Mark Schaffer, Linda June Schaffer, Mary Theresa Loomis, Mildred (Cook) Pazel, Lois (Norton) Curtis, Debrah Jean Widenmyer, Carla David.



GRISWOLD REUNION 1980. Photograph by Donald W. Powell. Photograph taken of group assembled by the barn across the road from the house at Ridge Farm, Waymart, PA. Seated (l. to r.): Mildred (Blewett) Crossman, Edith A. Gardner, Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder, Myrtle (Wildenstein) Curtis, Margaret Abbie (Remsen) Rude, Dwight William Rude, Lillian Beatrice (Curtis) Bartholomay, Verna Agatha (Curtis) Varcoe, Charles Bliss Treat, Gertrude Irene (Loomis) Schaffer. Standing in second row (l. to r.): Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Rev. Dwight E. Anderson, Mrs. Mildred Anderson, Marjorie (Snedeker) Holstein, Elaine (Schuster) Van Leuven, Minna Elizabeth (Oliver) Blair, Mildred Esther (Wright) LaBarre, Dorothy (Lambert) Oliver, Rebecca Leah (Mead) Geuther, Doris Elva (Curtis) Howell, Marjorie Augusta (Hill) Treat, Henry H. Schaffer, John Remsen Rude, Raymond F. Holstein, Fred Arthur Oliver. Third row (l. to r.): Donald Walter Powell, Silas Robert Powell. This photograph was published, together with the article reproduced in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA in the minutes of the Griswold Reunion for 1980, in two newspapers in 1980: The Carbondale (Pa.) News (September 17, 1980, p. 9) and The Wayne Independent (September 9, 1980, p. 7).



GRISWOLD REUNION 1978. Photograph by Donald W. Powell. Photograph taken at the side door of Moosic Grange Hall, Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA. Back row (l. to r.): Silas Robert Powell, Dorothy (Lambert) Oliver, Fred Arthur Oliver, Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder, Donald Walter Powell. Middle row (l. to r.): Bernice Winifred (Curtis) Dolan, Lillian Beatrice (Curtis) Bartholomay, Mildred Crossman, Rev. G. Fay Crossman. Front row (l. to r.): Edith A. Gardner, Margaret Abbie (Rensen) Rude, Dwight William Rude, Louisa May (Corey) Bayless, Alice Mae (Curtis) Williams. This photograph was published, together with the article reproduced in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA in the minutes of the Griswold Reunion for 1978, in two newspapers in 1978: *The Wayne Independent* (September 9, 1978, p. 6) and *The Carbondale (Pa.) News* (September 20, 1978, p. 11). The caption on this photograph when published in both of those newspapers contains three errors: the man in the back row on the far left is incorrectly identified as Donald W. Powell; the man in the back row on the far right is incorrectly identified as S. Robert Powell; the photographer is incorrectly given as S. Robert Powell.



GRISWOLD REUNION 1979. Photograph by Donald W. Powell. Photograph taken on the front porch of the house at Ridge Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Rude. Front row, seated (l. to r.): Crystal May (Cook) Gummo, Myrtle (Wildenstein) Curtis, John Rensen Rude, Amy M. (Burch) Rude, Marjorie Angeline (Rude) Cook, Gerald Clarion Cook. Second row (l. to r.): Donald Walter Powell, Lillian Beatrice (Curtis) Bartholomay, Friend O. Gummo, Mildred Esther (Wright) LaBarre, Dwight William Rude, Margaret Abbie (Rensen) Rude, Alice Mae (Curtis) Lund, Mildred Crossman, Rev. G. Fay Crossman. Third row (l. to r.): Edith A. Gardner, Honey Jane Rodgers, Bernice Winifred (Curtis) Dolan, Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder, Linda June Schaffer, Gertrude Irene (Loomis) Schaffer. Fourth row (l. to r.): Silas Robert Powell, Doris Elva (Curtis) Howell, Verna Agatha (Curtis) Varcoe, Fred Arthur Oliver, Dorothy (Lambert) Oliver, Kim Elizabeth (Button) Schaffer. This photograph was published, together with the article reproduced in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA in the minutes of the Griswold Reunion for 1979, in three newspapers in 1979: *The Carbondale (Pa.) News* (September 6, 1979, p. 10), *The Forest City News* (August 30, 1979, p. 7), and *The Wayne Independent* (August 28, 1979, p. 8).

The new Pres. appointed the following Committees: -
Births, Deaths, and Marriages
Mrs. Jeanie Gaylord
Mrs. A. J. Perry
Mrs. I. W. Cowperthwaite
Entertainment (Music)
Vance Griswold
Herbert Loomis
Arthur Curtis
Harold Oliver
Entertainment (Literary)
Miss Pearl Arnold
Miss Augusta Curtis
Miss Flora Loomis
Francis Curtis
History of Family
Francis Curtis
Miss Irene Curtis
Mrs. Edwin Randall
Table
Mrs. L. H. Arnold

The Pres. giving the chairman of Table Com. the privilege of appointing her helpers. Motion was made and carried that, if the the day was suitable, we should go some grove or lake and take lunch for one's own family.

The following program was carried out.
Instrumental Music by Orchestra.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Knight
Remark by Chairman of Program Com
Recitation by Arlyn Gaylord
Recitation by Beatrice Curtis
Instrumental Music by Orchestra
Song by Russel Loomis
Song by Norvelle Curtis
Instrumental Music by Orchestra
Song by C. J. Stiles
Colonial playette in song by
Miss Grace Corey
Charles Corey
Henry Bayless
Francis Curtis
Burdette Gardner
Song by C. J. Stiles
Music by Orchestra
Story by Augusta Curtis
Duet by Misses Flora and Nettie Loomis
Instrumental Music by Orchestra
Then came adjournment to meet Aug. 20, 1913 at Moosic Grange.

Claude Arnold Sec'y

1913

The ninth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall Aug. 20, 1913. After lunch a meeting was held.

The meeting opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Treat. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting followed, then roll call to which about 80 responded. Bills amounting \$8.05 ordered paid. Followed by reports of committees. Com. on B. D. and M. reports three births and one death that of John Griswold at one time Pres. of our reunion.

The collection was then taken which amounted to 6.29. A motion was made and carried that the next year's meeting be held at Moosic Grange Hall.

Instead of the usual literary program a memorial service was held. Prayer was offered by Miss Augusta Curtis.

Memories of the departed were then given.
Memories of Theron Loomis by G. A. Curtis
Memories of Mrs. Arthur Kagler by Mrs. W. E. Rude
Memories of Mrs. B. T. Smith by Mrs. Edwin Randall
Memories of Rufus Griswold by H. W. Arnold and Mrs. Stephen Treat

Memories of Orin Griswold by G. A. Curtis
Memories of John Griswold by Miss Augusta Curtis
Memories of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Curtis by Mrs. Jennie Gaylord
Memories of Nathan Griswold by Claude Arnold
These were followed by general remarks by B. T. Smith and by our visitor Mr. Harrison.

The meeting then closed to meet again the third Wed. in Aug. 1914 at Moosic Grange Hall.

Claude Arnold Sec'y

1914

The tenth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall August 19th 1914.

After the dinner which was greatly enjoyed by all the regular business meeting was held.

The meeting opened with music by Nettie and Herbert Loomis and Vance Griswold. After a few words of greeting by the president G. A. Curtis, Flora Loomis was appointed to act as secretary pro tem.

The committee on Births deaths, and marriages then gave their report as follows

Births

Leta Geuther daughter Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Geuther
Josephine Corey daughter Mr. & Mrs. Charles Corey
Clyde Albert Balus son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Balus
Alberta Wright daughter Mr. & Mrs. Ira Wright

Deaths

Mrs. Albert Corey Oct. 12, 1913
Infant child of Mr. & Mrs. G. A. Curtis
Mrs. Asher Griswold
Mrs. McCauley

Marriages

Irene Curtis to Elwin S. Norton
Clela Mushrush to Charles Saunders
Ina Stiles to Earl Wright
Arthur Corey to Nellie Todd
Eva Stiles to William Ritter

Then followed election of officers resulting as follows

President - Vance Griswold
Vice President - Lewis Arnold
Secretary - Flora Loomis
Treasurer - Mrs. A. H. Curtis

The new president to appoint committees at the evening meeting. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. G. C. Winters. Bill of \$3.50 ordered paid.

Evening Session

The following committees were appointed
Committee on Births, Deaths and Marriages

Mrs. F. H. Curtis
Mrs. Milo Gardner
Mrs. Henry Corey
Table Committee
Mrs. F. E. Loomis
Mrs. J. L. Cook
Mrs. I. W. Cowperthwaite

Music Committee

Herbert Loomis
A. H. Curtis
Charles Corey

Literary Committee

Miss Carrie Curtis
Miss Nettie Loomis
Mr. Keith Arnold

History

Mr. Francis Curtis
Miss Grace Corey
Mr. Bliss Treat

The following program was then given:

Music by Curtis Orchestra
Invocation Rev. Mr. Treat

Recitation	Rose Curtis
Recitation	Clistia Curtis
Solo	Arlyn Gaylord
Recitation	Augusta Curtis
Music	Orchestra
Recitation	Camilla Arnold
Recitation	Rena Beaman
Select Reading	Beatrice Treat
Solo	Ralph Griffith
Recitation	Crystel Cook
Recitation	Harriet Curtis
Music	Orchestra
Recitation	Mildred Cook
Address	Rev. G. C. Winters
Duet	Rev. & Mrs. G. C. Winters

Reunion adjourned to meet again the third Wednesday of August 1915.

1915

The eleventh annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall Aug. 18th 1915.

One hundred and one members of the family were present with six visitors.

After enjoying the sumptuous dinner a business meeting was called.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. G. C. Winters followed by a few words of greeting by the President J. Vance Griswold.

Music by the Victrola after which the president ordered the bills which amounted to \$3.15 paid.

The Committees on Births Deaths and Marriages made the following report.

Births

Mr. & Mrs. E. S. Norton a son
Mr. & Mrs. John Cook a son
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Cox a son
Mr. & Mrs. Chas Griswold child
Mr. & Mrs. W. Ritter a son
Mr. & Mrs. Willis Deming a daughter
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Corey a daughter

No Deaths reported

Marriages

Pearl Arnold and Wm. Cox Sept 9 '14
Francis Curtis and Letha Crossman June 21
Herbert Loomis and Eva Thompson June 23, 1915

All of the committees were reappointed for the coming year.

Program

Music by the Victrola
Reading Miss Spicer tries the Tobaggan
Rose Curtis
Recitation Alice Curtis
Solo Red Wing Ralph Griffith
Recitation When Company Comes Clistia Curtis
Music by the Victrola
Recitation Elva Geuther
Reading Browns Beans Flora Loomis
Music by the Victrola
Recitation Norvelle Curtis
Recitation Neva Geuther
Music

The collection was then taken which amounted to \$9.05. The Reunion was glad to hear from Malden Griswold family and feel thankful to them for the dollar sent to the Reunion.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$9.40 in the treasury after all bills had been paid.

The meeting was dismissed by Rev. G. C. Winters.

The families then prepared to go to their several homes declaring they had spent a pleasant and happy day and expressing many a wish to meet to gather again in 1916.

Flora L. Loomis
Sec.

1916

The twelfth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall August 16th, 1916.

Ninety-three members of the family were present and eleven visitors.

After enjoying a bountiful dinner a business meeting was called by the President Vance Griswold.

The meeting was opened by singing America and prayer by Rev. Stephen Treat.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Election of officers was next on the program which resulted as follows:

Malden Griswold was elected President with A. H. Curtis as his deputy all other officers and committees reappointed.

The Birth Death and Marriage Committee made the following report.

Births

Son to Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Loomis
Son to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Corey

Deaths

Mrs. Ann Fordyce

Marriages

Keith Arnold and Lillian Brunner

The collection amounted to \$9.49.

The Reunion then listened to a brief address by Rev. Arthur Sangston the visiting evangelist.

The treasurer reported having \$18.89. Bills to the amount of \$7.61 were paid leaving a balance of \$11.28 in the treasury.

Meeting was dismissed by Rev. G. C. Winters.

After bidding friends and families farewell all returned to their homes to meet again the third Wednesday in August 1917.

Flora L. Loomis
Sec.

1917

The thirteenth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall August 15, 1917.

Ninety-three members of the family were present also three visitors.

After enjoying a bountiful dinner the business meeting was called to order by the Vice President A. H. Curtis.

The meeting was opened by the singing of America and prayer by Rev. Stephen Treat.

A short address was then given by the Vice President.

The Committee on Births, Deaths and Marriages then made the following report.

Births

Evelyn Letha Curtis born Sept. 20, 1916
Vincent Keith Arnold born December 28, 1916
Myrl Edwin Cox born June 20, 1917
Margretta Wright born Nov 16, 1916, died in February 1917
Margery May Wright born May 1916

Marriages

Willie Griswold

The treasurer gave the following report.

Amt in treasury from last year \$11.28. Expenses for this year \$4.45 which leaves a balance of \$6.83 in treasury. Collection for 1917 \$5.90 Total amt. in treasury Aug 15 1917 \$12.73.

Meeting dismissed by Rev. Treat.

The families then made preparations to return to their several homes declaring they had spent a pleasant and happy day and expressing many a wish to meet together the third Wednesday of August in 1918,

Flora L. Loomis
Sec.

1918

The fourteenth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall Aug. 21, 1918.

Sixty-four members of the family were present also one visitor.

After a bountiful dinner the business meeting was called to order by the Vice President.

Meeting was opened by singing America and prayer by Augusta Curtis.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Election of officers resulted as follows

Vance Griswold	President
L. H. Arnold	Vice Pres.
Flora Loomis	Secretary
Mrs. A. H. Curtis	Treas.

The following committees were then appointed

Table Committee
Mrs. L. H. Arnold
Mrs. F. C. Griswold
Mrs. G. A. Curtis
Program Committee
Mrs. W. E. Rude Music
F. H. Curtis Jr. Literary
Births Deaths & Marriage Com
Mrs. F. H. Curtis
Mrs. Milo Gardner
Mrs. Henry Corey
Report of Births Deaths and Marriage Committee
Births

A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Elwin Norton

A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. John Cook

A son to Mr. & Mrs. F. H. Curtis Jr.

A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Leo Treat

A son to Mr. & Mrs. Bliss Treat

A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Treat

A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Earl Wright

Deaths

Mrs. David Gaylord

Marriages

Merwin Loomis Carrie Curtis
Lynn Arnold Minnie Counterman
Claude Arnold LeVange Quintin
John Fazel Beulah Cook
Leo Treat Hazel James
Wilmer Olver Jennie Reese
Bliss Treat Pearl Crane
Cora Curtis Elmer Overguard
Martha Kagler Guy Black
Rena Beaman Emory Van Valkenburg

The treasurer reported a balance of \$10.41 in the treasury. The meeting then adjourned to meet again Aug 20. 1919 at Moosic Grange Hall.

Flora Loomis.

1919

The fifteenth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall Aug. 20 1919.

The president and vice president both being absent Claude Arnold was elected to take the place of president.

Prayer was offered by Nettie Loomis

Literary Program
Recitation by Elva Geuther
Recitation by Clistia Curtis
Music by Harriette Curtis

Recitation by Camilla Arnold
Recitation by Evelyn Curtis
Music by Harriette Curtis
Recitation by Arlyn Gaylord
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
Motion made and carried that the reunion appoint a committee to erect a monument in memory of John Griswold to be dedicated Labor Day 1920.
Song by Juanita Curtis
Committee for obtaining the monument for John Griswold
Fred Griswold
F. H. Curtis, Jr.
Mrs. W. E. Rude
Suggestions offered for securing complete roll of members of the Griswold family.
Treasurer reported \$10.41 in treasury. Collection of the day 6.01. Bill of \$3.27 paid. Bal. in treasury \$13.15.

F. L. Loomis Sec.

The birth, death and marriage committee made the following report.

Births
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Mervin Loomis
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer Oliver
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Guy Black
A son to Mr. & Mrs. C. Morris
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Corey

Deaths
Dr. Charles Griswold
Child of Dr. Charles Griswold
Mrs. Earl Wright
Rev. Stephen Treat
Helen Curtis
Mrs. Bliss Treat

Marriages
Harold Oliver
Miss Elsie Moon

1920

The sixteenth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall Aug 18, 1920.

Seventy-one members of the family were present also seven visitors.

After a bountiful dinner the business meeting was called to order by A. H. Curtis the president being absent.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following officers were then elected.

President J. Vance Griswold
Vice President A. H. Curtis
Sec. Flora Loomis
Treas. Mrs. Keith Arnold

The following committees were then appointed.

Table Committee
Mrs. L. H. Arnold
Mrs. F. C. Griswold
Mrs. G. A. Curtis

Program
Mrs. W. E. Rude Music
F. H. Curtis Jr. Literary
Births, Deaths & Marriages
Mrs. F. H. Curtis
Mrs. Milo Gardner
Mrs. A. J. Perry

Moved and carried that a monument be procured and dedicated Labor Day Sept 6 1920 to the memory of John Griswold a Revolutionary War veteran.

The committee to obtain the monument to be: F. C. Griswold, F. H. Curtis, Jr., W. E. Rude, F. H. Curtis, F. E. Loomis, L. H. Arnold.

Committee on History, F. H. Curtis, Jr., Mrs. Ensign Varcoe and Miss Augusta Curtis.

Music by Arlyn Gaylord
Remarks by Mrs. W. A. MacKenzie and Rev. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Perry and G. A. Curtis.

Recitation Althea Perry
Births Deaths and Marriage committee report

Births
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Arnold
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis
A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bayless
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ewing
A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Curtis
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Treat
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oliver

Deaths
Clarion Arnold

Marriages
Augusta Curtis to Raymond Ewing
Laura Curtis to J. W. Pierson
Henry Curtis to Grace Schweighofer
Verna Curtis to Ensign Varcoe

Treasurer reports \$13.15 in treasury. Collection of day \$7.75 making total of \$20.90. Expenses \$8.35 leaves a balance of \$12.55 in treasury.

Reunion adjourned to meet again the third Wednesday of August 1921.

Mrs. Clarence Brown
Sec.

1921

The seventeenth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pa. Aug. 17 1921.

Ninety-one members of the family were present also five visitors.

After exchanging greetings and enjoying a sumptuous dinner the business meeting was called.

In the absence of the president Malden Griswold took the chair.

The meeting began by the singing of All Hail the Power of Jesus Name.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of the various committees were then heard. Birth, Death and Marriage Committee reported as follows.

Marriages
Flora Loomis to Clarence Brown
Vance Griswold to Nira Rehbein
Charlotte Stiles to John Smith
Bliss Treat to Florence Longmier
Florence Curtis to Ray Cooley
Grace Corey to John DeWolf

Births
A son Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Curtis Jr.
A son to Mr. and Mrs. John Cook
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Geuther
A son to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Arnold
A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ewing
A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Orin Kagler
A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Black
A son to Mr. and Mrs. John Pazel
A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pierson
A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Corey

Deaths
Mrs. John Griswold
Mrs. Cornelia Gaylord
Lewis Rude
Mr. Henry Arnold
Mrs. Emily Tingley
Mr. Lewis Hurlbert
Mrs. Janet Hathaway

The monument committee reported the monument secured and erected but tablet neither secured nor on the monument. Treasurer of com. reported \$50 collected for tablet on monument.

Motion made and carried that the same committee obtain the tablet and have it placed on the monument without delay.

Music by Arlyn Gaylord.
Recitation Leta Geuther When Pa Keeps House
Trio Ring Bells Harriette, Beatrice and Norvelle Curtis.

Recitation When the Car was New Althea Perry
Instrumental music Harriette Curtis, Dwight Rude and Viola Patey.

Solo Norvelle Curtis
Recitation Making Reuben Propose Ruth Patey
Remarks by Mrs. A. J. Perry and Mrs. James Patey.

Committees reappointed.
Amt. in treasury 12.55 Collection of the day \$9.62 making a total of \$22.17 Expenses \$7.05 leaves a balance of \$15.12 in the treasury.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing "God Be With you Till We Meet Again."

Mrs. Clarence Brown
Sec

1922

The eighteenth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall Aug 16.

Eighty-one members of the family were present and enjoyed a splendid dinner and a social time.

The business meeting was called by the president and all joined in singing America followed by the Invocation by Rev. Childs.

Minutes of the last reunion were read and approved. The Births, Deaths, and Marriage gave the following report.

Births
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Leo Treat (Carol Dawn)
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Claude Arnold (Mary Fay)
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Arnold (Carl Lynn)
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Bliss Treat (Robert)
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Emory Van Valkenburg (Lorena)

A son to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hurlbert
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Corey
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ewing
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer Oliver (Irene)
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Mervin Loomis (Gertrude)
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Ira Wright (Doris Verna)
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Elwin Norton (Elsie Banning)

Deaths
Francis Earl Loomis Sept 30 1921
Camilla Fordyce Williams Jan 28, 1922

Marriages
Laura Loomis to Walter Rude
Dwight Rude to Margaret Remsen

Monument Committee reported the tablet for the monument on its way and plans were made for having it placed on monument by Labor Day when fitting exercises would be held.

Next following was the election of officers which resulted as follows.

Pres. Mrs. Ensign Varcoe
Vice Pres. Claude Arnold
Sec. Mrs. Clarence W. Brown
Treas. Mrs. Vance Griswold
Mrs. Cox was placed on the Births, Deaths and Marriage Committee in place of Mrs. Milo Gardner.
The table committee appointed were: Miss Augusta Curtis, Mrs. I W. Cowperthwaite, Mrs. F. E. Loomis.
This committee announced that a cold dinner would be served next year.

The Literary Program was as follows
Music Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Griswold
Recitation Dorothy Curtis
Solo Vincent Arnold
Recitation Viola Patey
Duet Mrs. J. V. Griswold and Laura Rehbein
Reading Mrs. Dwight Rude
Solo Norvelle Curtis
Recitation Augusta Curtis
Solo Mrs. Childs
Short talk by the Rev. Mr. Childs
Instrumental music Mrs. W. E. Rude, Vance Griswold and Viola Patey.
Benediction and closing song.
Collection \$6.48
Expenses \$4.43
Amt of balance in treasury \$17.28.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1922 are as follows:

Homer Curtis, Rexford Arnold, Nelson Loomis, Mrs. Ensign Varcoe, Mrs. Will Cox, Mrs. Fred Griswold, Mrs. I. W. Cowperthwaite, Mrs. W. E. Rude, Mrs. Mervin Loomis, Mr. Mervin Loomis, Kenneth Loomis, Keith Arnold, Mrs. Keith Arnold, Mrs. Lynn Arnold, Lynn Arnold, Dorothy Curtis, Beatrice Curtis, Henry Curtis, Mrs. Henry Curtis, Norvelle Curtis, Jeanette Curtis, Laura Rehbein, Floyd Loomis, Mrs. Will Stiles, Mrs. G. A. Curtis, Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Walter Rude, Mrs. Walter Rude, Harold Loomis, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Claude Arnold, Mrs. Claude Arnold, Mrs. Fred Hemmler, Clarence Brown, Mrs. Clarence Brown, Minna Oliver, Mrs. Harriet Gardner, Mrs. Howard Oliver, W. E. Rude, G. A. Curtis, Homer Curtis, C. J. Stiles, Mrs. C. J. Stiles, Vance Griswold, Mrs. Vance Griswold, Galen Gaylord, F. C. Griswold, Viola Patey, Alice Curtis, Carl Arnold, Neal Arnold, Evelyn Curtis, Mrs. F. H. Curtis, Jr.,

Augusta Curtis, Raymond Loomis, Merton Geuther, Mrs. Stephen Geuther, Camilla Arnold, Foster Walker, Russell Loomis, Dwight Rude, Leta Geuther, Fay Arnold, Mrs. I. W. Cowperthwaite, Vincent Arnold, Gertrude Gardner, Myrl Cox, Evelyn Curtis, Gerturde Loomis, Donald Curtis, Mr. Childs, Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Thompson, Ralph Curtis, Cyril Arnold, Williard Cox, Wilmer Oliver, Mrs. Wilmer Oliver, Jack Oliver, Irene Oliver.

1923

The annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold was held in the Grange Hall, Clinton, Pa. Aug 15, 1923 with a fairly large number to enjoy it. The dinner equaled if not excelled any of the former ones due to the fact that our best cooks all furnished liberally.

Concluding the dinner, the family joined in a festivity of song and entertainment preceded by the business meeting.

The program consisted of
Song - America
Invocation Rev. Wm. Shoup
Election of Sec. pro. tem.
Presentation of the following bills which were ordered paid

sugar, cheese and coffee \$2.13
ice cream 10.50
paper plates 1.20
use of Hall 2.00
Report of treasurer showed a balance of \$11.61 in the treasury today.

Birth, Marriage and Death Com. made the following report.

Births
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Loomis a son Clarence Earl Aug. 28
Mr. & Mrs. Ensign Varcoe a daughter, Violet Elsie Nov 25

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Curtis a son Wilbur Feb 22
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Rude a son Elwin Walter Feb 15
Mr. & Mrs. Bliss Treat a son Stephen William April 12
Mr. & Mrs. John Smith a daughter Rita Elizabeth
Mr. & Mrs. John De Wolfe a daughter
Mr. & Mrs. W. J. W. Pierson a daughter

Marriages
Harriette Curtis Henry Bartholomay Jan 1 1923
Crystal Cook Friend Gummo May 30, 1923
Hobart Curtis Lois Norton May 22, 1923
Homer Curtis Myrtle Wildenstein June 6
Beatrice Treat Herbert Sickler June 20
Burdette Gardner Margaret Kollarik Mar 20

Deaths
Mrs. Charles Sanders
Elwin Walter Rude

Music Mr. and Mrs. Vance Griswold
Recitation Camilla Arnold
Duet Mrs. Vance Griswold Laura Rehbein
Recitation Mrs. D. W. Rude
Duet The Mr. Shoup
Violin Solo Viola Patey
Remarks by Rev. Curtis Shoup.
Instrumental music Arlyn Gaylord
Song - When the Roll is Called Up Yonder
Benediction Rev. Wm. Shoup

Edith Gardner
Sec. pro tem.

1924

The nineteenth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold was held in Moosic Grange Hall, Clinton August 20 1924.

Sixty-seven members of the family were present also 6 visitors.

At noon the tables were loaded with good things to eat and none left them without being fully satisfied. Shortly after dinner the business meeting was called to order by Pres. Mrs. Ensign Varcoe.

The Birth, Death and Marriage committee made the following report.

Births
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bartholomay
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Elwin Norton
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Claude Arnold
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Mervin Loomis
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Francis Curtis
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Rude
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Rude
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Homer Curtis
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Brown
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Keith Arnold
A daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Curtis
A son to Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Arnold

Deaths
Mrs. Henry Bartholomay Nov 7, 1923
Mrs. Laura Loomis Mar 25, 1924

Marriages
Pearl Curtis to Ernest Brutos [Brudos]

The election of officers resulted as follows
President Claude Arnold
Vice Pres. Mrs. Ensign Varcoe
Secretary Mrs. Clarence Brown
Treasurer Mrs. J. Vance Griswold

Monument committee reported \$11 still due on the monument. Corrected 1925.

The following bills ordered paid
5.50 ice cream
2.35 paper plates cheese etc.
.76 coffee & sugar
2.00 hall rental
\$10.61

Treasurer reported \$11.61 in treasury. Collection 14.60 total \$26.21 less \$10.61 expence leaves \$15.60 in treas.

A short program consisting of instrumental music and readings followed also a brief address by Rev. Mr. Shoup.

The following committees were then appointed

Table
Mrs. G. A. Curtis
Mrs. Jennie Gaylord
Mrs. Mary Loomis

Program
Mrs. Dwight Rude
Mrs. Mervin Loomis
B. D. & M.

Mrs. Wm. Cox
Miss Gertrude Gardner

The meeting was closed by singing Blest Be The Tie That Binds and benediction by Rev. Shoup.

Mrs. Clarence Brown
Sec.

1925

The twentieth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold was held in Moosic Grange hall, Clinton August 19, 1925.

Sixty-nine members of the family were present with three visitors.

A delicious chicken dinner was served following which the business meeting was called to order by the Vice president Mrs. Ensign Varcoe.

All joined in singing America which was followed by prayer by Rev. McFarlane.

Minutes of the last reunion were read and corrected to read \$11 paid on monument instead of \$11 still due on monument.

Birth, Death and Marriage Committee reported, ten births, one death and two marriages.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Rude a son Dwight Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Vance Griswold a son John Vance
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Corey a son Arthur Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Friend Gummoe a daughter Wanda
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corey a daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Geuther a son Darwin Lewis
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cooley a son William Glen
Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Wilmot a son Dana Leon
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ewing a son Robert
Mr. and Mrs. John DeWolf a son

Deaths

Wanda daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Friend Gummoe
Oct. 20, 1924

Marriages

Mildred Cook to George Pazel June 27, 1925
Camilla Arnold to Clarke Wilmot Nov, 1924

A bill of \$1.95 for butter, sugar, coffee and paper plates was ordered paid also one of \$2.00 for use of the hall.

The reunion then voted to hold the next meeting at Elk Lake this required that a vote be taken to amend the Constitution.

Committee appointed to secure a place at Elk Lake for the reunion was appointed namely Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lewis Arnold and Mrs. Dwight Rude.

The following program was then given.

Music Rev. McFarlane
Recitation Leta Geuther and a Dialog by a number of young people.

A short talk by Rev. McFarlane and by Malden Griswold.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing Blest Be the Tie That Binds and benediction by Rev. McFarlane.

Mrs. C. W. Brown, Sec.

Collection	\$7.50
Amt in treas	4.60
	12.10
expense	3.95
	\$8.15
	.62
	\$8.77

\$7.60	col.
.52	butter
8.12	
4.60	in treas
12.72	
3.95	expenses
\$8.88	bal in treas.

1926

The twenty-first annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange hall Wednesday August 18.

The day was very stormy but through the heavy downpour forty-nine of the family and one visitor gathered and spent a very enjoyable time together.

A splendid cold dinner was served and there was plenty of ice cream which all enjoyed.

The president being absent the business meeting was called to order by the Vice Pres. Mrs. Ensign Varcoe.

All joined in singing America. The minutes of the last reunion were read and approved.

The amendment to the constitution was read and adopted. The birth, death and marriage committee reported as follows

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Friend Gummoe a son Ian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blakeslee a son Wallace Kenneth
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Curtis a daughter Joyce Rena
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Arnold a daughter Dorothy Ada

Marriages

Clistia Curtis to Gordon Hawley
Verna Treat to Edward Blakeslee
Henry Patey to Adelaide Walker

Deaths

Mrs. Orin Griswold

Violin solo - Viola Patey.
Treasurer reported \$8.77 in treasury.
Collection taken amounted to \$6.46. Bill of \$8.00 for cream \$2.00 hall rent and \$3.73 extra ordered paid.
Motion made and carried to go to the Lake next year.
Mrs. Dwight Rude and Mrs. Lewis Arnold to secure place.
The election of officers resulted as follows:
Mrs. Ensign Varcoe President
J. Vance Griswold Vice Pres.
Mrs. Clarence Brown Secretary
Mrs. Dwight Rude Treasurer

Table Committee

Mrs. J. Vance Griswold
Mrs. Mervin Loomis
Mrs. I. W. Cowperthwait

Program

Viola Patey
Arlyn Gaylord
Augusta Curtis

Birth, Death and Marriage

Mrs. Wm. Cox
Miss Gertrude Gardner
Miss Stephen Geuther

Instrumental music Mr. and Mrs. J. Vance Griswold.
Recitation - Letha Geuther.

Closed by singing Blest Be the Tie that Binds and Prayer by Miss Augusta Curtis.

Mrs. Clarence Brown
Sec.

\$ 8.77 bal. 1925	\$ 3.73 bill lemons sugar cups
6.46 col. 1926	paper plates
1.47 extras sold	8.00 ice cream
\$16.71	2.00 hall
13.73	\$13.73
\$ 2.98	
2 bal by Treas.	
\$ 3.00	

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Griswold and son John, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Rexford Arnold, Mrs. Wm G. Cox sons Willard, Francis and Myrl, Mrs. Clarke Wilmot son Leon, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Galen and Arlyn Gaylord, Elva and Leeta Geuther, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Curtis, Mrs. Ensign Varcoe and daughter Violet, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Curtis, daughters Joyce and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Curtis, Edward Curtis, Augusta Curtis, Viola Patey, Chas. B. Corey, Mrs. Howard Olver and Minna, Mr. and Mrs. John Olver Jack and Irene Olver, Mrs. Mary Loomis, Floyd Raymond and Nelson Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown, son Robert, Mrs. Dwight Rude Marjorie and Dwight Jr.

Mrs. C. W. Brown Sec.

1927

The 22nd Annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grande Hall August 17, 1927.

A splendid cold dinner was served by the united efforts of the ladies and all agreed that it was the easiest prepared and most satisfactory dinner yet served.

After dinner the regular business meeting was called to order by Miss Augusta Curtis.

The meeting was opened by all singing America, followed by prayer by Dr. J. E. Graham.

Address of welcome Augusta Curtis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Birth, Death and Marriage Committee gave the following report:

Births

To

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curtis a daughter
Bernice Winifred

Mr. and Mrs. Ensign Varcoe a daughter Eunice Phoebe
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Geuther a daughter Nina Marie
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Arnold a son Russell Burton
Mr. and Mrs. John Pazel a son Clyde John
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Rude a son John Remsen
Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Wilmot a son Lloyd Earl
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ewing a son Paul Judson
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brudos a son Darwin

Deaths

I. Wiltse Cowperthwaite
Grant Griswold
George Curtis
Mrs. Emory Howell

Marriages

Nettie Loomis to Dr. John Edgar Graham

The following program was then given.

Solo - Dorothy Curtis
Recitation Violet Varcoe
Recitation Billy Bartholomay
Recitation Connie Cooley
Recitation Grace Bayless
Solo Marjorie Rude
Recitation John Griswold
Recitation Doris Curtis
Recitation Leeta Geuther
Recitation Clarisabell Treat

Instrumental music Mr. and Mrs. Vance Griswold
Vocal Duet Mrs. Dwight Rude and Miss Laura Rehbein
Guitar Duet Mrs. Beaman and Mrs. VanValkenburg. Encore
Recitation Laurena VanValkenburg
Guitar Solo Mrs. VanValkenburg
A few words by Mrs. Graham and a duet by Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Graham in Chinese and translated by Dr. Graham.

A bill of \$7.00 for ice cream and \$.70 for paper plates voted to be paid.

Motion made and carried that the chairman appoint the committees. Appointed as follows

Table Committee

Mrs. John Cook
Mrs. Henry Bayless
Mrs. Lynn Arnold

Place

Mrs. L. H. Arnold
Mrs. A. H. Curtis
Mrs. F. C. Griswold

Program

Beatrice Curtis
Viola Patey
Arlyn Gaylord

B. D. and M.

Mrs. C. . Brown
Mrs. Wm. Cox
Mrs. Ray Cooley

Collection taken	\$11.12
9.70	Expense ice cream, plates and Hall
\$ 1.42	
3.00	In treasury
\$ 4.42	
20	
\$ 4.62	

Closed program by singing Blest Be the Tie that Binds.

Those present were. 83 of family 5 visitors
Mrs. Mary Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown and Robert, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Graham, Raymond and Nelson Loomis, Chas. B. Corey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bayless, Clyde and Grace, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Loomis, Kenneth, Gertrude and Alvin, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Curtis, Doris and Joyce, Mrs. Ensign Varcoe, Violet and Eunice, Mrs. Raymond Cooley, Constance and William, Augusta Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rude, Mrs. Dwight Rude, Marjorie and John Remsen, Arthur H. Curtis, Beatrice and Dorothy, Henry Bartholomay and Billy, Viola Patey, Mrs. C. J. Stiles, Mrs. C. K. Beaman, Mrs. Laurena VanValkenburg and Laurena, Mrs. Electa Arnold, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Galen and Arlyn, Leeta Geuther, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Calvin and Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wilmot, Leon and Lloyd, Mrs. Stephen Treat, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Treat, Clarissa Belle Treat, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cook, Marshall, Lester, Leila and Thelbert, Mrs. John Pazel, Carl and Clyde, Mrs. George Pazel, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Griswold, and John, Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite, M. J. Griswold.

Visitors Margurite Frear, Stewart Wade, Laura Rehbein, Eva Giles, Marjorie Thompson.

Mrs. C. W. Brown
Sec.

1928

The twenty-third annual reunion of the Griswold family met as usual at Moosic Grange Hall the third Wednesday of August.

A very good cold lunch dinner was served.

There were fifty-three members of the family present.

After the dinner all gathered in the grange room for the business meeting and the program.

The meeting was opened with all joining in singing America and prayer by Miss Augusta Curtis.

The minutes of the the last reunion were read and approved.

The Birth Death and Marriage Com. reported six births.

To

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rude a son Floyd Nelson
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Graham a son Edgar Paul
Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Treat a daughter Ruth Julia
Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Loomis a son Leland Grant
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cox a son Robert Duane

Three deaths: William Stiles, Mrs. Chas. Kagler and Mrs. V. D. Phillips Jan 17/28.

One marriage: Kenneth Treat to Marth Kleckner.

A bill of \$6.74 for ice cream, butter, sugar, coffee, tea, and paper napkins etc. ordered paid also a bill of \$2.00 for the use of the hall.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Harold Olver - President
Arlyn Gaylord Vice President
Mrs. Clarence Brown Secretary
Mrs. Dwight Rude Treasurer

A question of asking some Ladies Aid to serve the dinner for the next reunion was then discussed and finally voted on. The vote was carried in favor of the question.

A suggestion was made that we ask the Riverdale Ladies Aid and Mrs. Cowperthwaite, Mrs. John Cook and Mrs. Mervin Loomis were ask to interview the Ladies Aid and make arrangements with them.

Program

Welcome Marjorie Rude
Solo Dwight Rude Jr.
Recitation Edward Curtis
Recitation John Griswold
Recitation Donald Arnold
Duet Mrs. Vance Griswold and Mrs. Dwight Rude
Recitation Violet Varcoe
Music Mrs. Van Valkenburg
Remarks by the new President after which he appointed the committees.

Birth Death and Marriage

Mrs. Lewis Arnold
Mrs. Mary Loomis
Miss Augusta Curtis
Program
Mrs. Dwight Rude
Mrs. Vance Griswold
Mrs. Lynn Arnold

The meeting closed by singing God Be With You Till We Meet Again.

Mrs. Clarence Brown
Sec.

Those present were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Arnold, Donald, Carl, Calvin and Russell Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wilmot and Leon, Mrs. F. C. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. J. Vance Griswold and John, Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite, Mrs. C. K. Beaman, Mrs. Laurena Van Valkenburg and Beverly, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Galen and Arlyn Gaylord, Mrs. Stephen Geuther, Leeta, Nina Marie and Darwin Geuther, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Curtis, Mrs. M. H. Loomis, Gertrude, Alvin, Kenneth and Leland Loomis, Mrs. Ensign Varcoe, Violet and Eunice Varcoe, Mrs. Mary Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown and Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rude, Eleanor and Floyd Rude, Mrs. W. E. Rude, Mrs. Dwight Rude, Marjorie, Dwight Jr. and John Rude, Miss Augusta Curtis and Edward Curtis, Mrs. Howard Olver and Fred Olver, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Olver and Bobbie, Mrs. John Cook and Leila Cook.

1929

The twenty-fourth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at Riverdale Church Clinton Township Wayne County Pennsylvania August 21st, 1929.

A splendid dinner was served by the Ladies Aid of the church.

In the afternoon the business meeting was called to order by the president, Harold Oliver.

The meeting was opened by all joining in singing America after which prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. McKenzie.

The minutes of the last reunion were read and approved.

The birth, death and marriage committee gave the following report.

- Births**
- To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis a daughter Barbara Ann
- To Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wilmot a son Arnold Dwight
- To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pazel a son Lewis George
- To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Geuther a daughter Dorothy Faye
- To Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Rude a daughter Virginia Laura
- To Mr. and Mrs. Homer Curtis a son Erwin Lloyd
- To Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Oliver a son Neal Howard
- Deaths**
- Barbara Ann daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis Jan. 12, 1929
- Daryl William son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Arnold January 21, 1929
- Francis James son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cox, March 18, 1929
- Mrs. Electa Arnold May 21, 1929

- Marriages**
- Neva Geuther to Russell Wildenstein
- Mina Olver to Reginald Blair
- Rose Curtis to A. C. Wihol May 26, 1928
- Ruth Patey to Elmer Needham
- Henry Patey to Adelaide Walker
- Laurena Van Valkenburg to James Sam'l Stewart

A motion was made and carried that we have the reunion dinner served another year the same as this year.

Mrs. W. E. Rude, Mrs. L. H. Arnold and Miss Augusta Curtis appointed as committee on place.

A short program followed the business meeting. Program as follows

Recitation Verna McKenzie

Recitation Leeta Geuther

Instrumental Music Arlyn Gaylord

Recitation Frances Corey

Recitation Marjorie Rude

Recitation Dorothy McKenzie

Solo Norvelle Curtis

Recitation John Griswold

Music Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Griswold

Remarks by Mrs. McKenzie and Rev. W. A. McKenzie, Mrs. Milo Gardner and Mr. Milo Gardner.

The president requested that all members of the family living at places and unable to attend the reunion be requested to write a letter of greeting to the reunion and to tell something of their work etc. that would be of interest to the family.

Those present were

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Arnold, Rexford and Cyril, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wilmot, Leon, Lloyd, & Arnold, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Galen and Arlyn, Miss Augusta Curtis, Frances Corey, Leeta Geuther, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown, Robert, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rude, Marjorie Rude, Charles Kagler, Mrs. Guy Black, Sheldon and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Griswold and John, A. H. Curtis, Norvelle Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. John Cook, Marshall, Thelbert, Leila & Lester, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Gardner, Edith & Gertrude, Mr. and Mrs. John Olver, John Jr., Irene & Neal, Harold Olver and Robert, Mrs. Howard Olver, Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite.

Visitors. Rev. and Mrs. W. A. McKenzie, Jean, Dorothy and Verna and Mrs. L. Foster.

A total of 51 members and 6 visitors. The business meeting was brought to a close by singing God Be With You Till We Meet Again and a benediction by Rev. W. A. McKenzie

Mrs. Clarence Brown
Secretary.

1930

The twenty-fifth reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griswold.

A basket dinner was enjoyed by seventy-seven members of the family and seven visitors.

A very enjoyable day was spent in visiting and in the recalling of many incidents of other days. We were all delightfully surprised to find among our number Mr. Horace Tingley and Mrs. Eugene Tingley both of Spokane Washington. Mr. Tingley has not visited the east since his removal to the west 52 years ago.

During the afternoon a business meeting was called by the president Harold Oliver.

All joined in singing America. Prayer was by Miss Augusta Curtis. The minutes of the last reunion were read and approved.

The Birth, Death and Marriage Committee made the following report.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curtis a son Eugene S.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hawley a son Gordon G.

To Mr. and Mrs. Keith Arnold twins Jean and Joan

Deaths

Mrs. Burdette Gardner Aug. 14, 1930

Joan Arnold a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Arnold August 19, 1930

Eugene Tingley July 23, 1929

Anna Fordyce Marsh Dec, 1928

Wilmer Marsh May 25, 1929

Marriages

Russell Loomis to Marian Snedeker

Raymond Loomis to Celia Owens

Beatrice Curtis to Henry Bartholomay

Norvelle Curtis to Dr. C. L. Kern

Mable Patey to Lynden Haven

Elva Geuther to Edmund Bates

Rexford Arnold to Verla Clift

Mrs. F. H. Curtis was appointed to find out if the old history of the family written by Francis Curtis and Irene Curtis Norton is still preserved and Francis Curtis to be asked to make it up to date.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Griswold family for their generous hospitality in entertaining the reunion.

A vote of thanks was also given to the secretary for sixteen years of service.

The secretary was requested to write letters of condolence to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Arnold and to Mrs. Burdette Gardner.

A bill of \$.93 for coffee sugar etc. was ordered paid.

At the election of officers all were unanimously re-elected.

The officers are

President - Harold Olver

Vice President - Arlyn Gaylord

Secretary - Mrs. Clarence Brown

Treasurer - Mrs. Dwight Rude

Program Committee

Mrs. Dwight Rude

Mrs. Vance Griswold

Mrs. Lynn Arnold

Birth, Death and Marriage

Mrs. C. W. Brown

Mrs. Wm. Cox

Mrs. Ray Cooley

A short program was given as follows

Solo - Billy Bartholomay

Reading Clarissabel Treat

Exercise Violet and Eunice Varcoe, Doris and Joyce Curtis

Recitation Marjorie Rude

Recitation John Griswold

Recitation Violet Varcoe

2 Solos Juanita Curtis

Recitation Leon Wilmot

Solo Billy Bartholomay

Song John Rude

Reminiscences and remarks by Mrs. Eugene Tingley, Horace Tingley, A. H. Curtis and W. E. Rude.

A motion to adjourn was carried. Those present were: Mrs. Mary Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rude, Eleanor and Jack, Frances Corey, Elizabeth Corey, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Loomis, Kenneth, Gertrude, Alvin and Leland, Doris and Joyce Curtis, Mrs. E. H. Varcoe, Violet and Eunice, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Gardner and Edith, Miss Augusta Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rude, Mrs. Dwight Rude, Marjorie, Dwight Jr., John and Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartholomay and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Curtis and Juanita, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Arnold and Cyril, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Cox, Williard, Myrl and Duane, Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Arnold, Fay and Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Wilmot, Leon, Lloyd, and Arnold, Mrs. Stephen Treat and Clarissa, Horace Tingley, Mrs. Eugene Tingley, Mrs. Howard Olver and Fred, Howard Olver and Robert, Irene Olver, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Griswold and John, Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite.

1931

The twenty-sixth annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold met Aug. 19, 1931 at Moosic Grange Hall.

The picnic dinner was enjoyed by seventy-one members of the family and three guests.

In the afternoon the business meeting was called to order by the president Harold Oliver.

The meeting began with the singing of Auld Ang Syne. The family were led in prayer by Rev. Milo D. Singer. The minutes of the last reunion were read and accepted.

The Birth, Death and Marriage Committee made the following report.

Births

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Arnold Nov 4 '30

Clarion George

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Loomis Aug 7

James Russell

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Wilmot July 20

Harriet Camilla Irene

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartholomay

Harriette

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Oliver May 31

Phyllis Ann

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Blair

Bryce Wilson

Deaths

Jean Arnold Aug 1930

Marriages

Floyd Loomis to Helen Miller

Herbert Loomis to Edith Thomas

Juanita Curtis to Frank Gelder

Arlyn Gaylord to Florence Paynter

The president appointed Mrs. L. H. Arnold and Mrs. W. E. Rude as a committee on place for holding next reunion. Other committees to remain the same except table committee - Mrs. E. H. Varcoe

Mrs. Lynn Arnold

Mrs. Homer Curtis

The reunion voted to have ice cream next year.

Bills of \$.46 for this years expenses \$2.00 for the use of the hall and an unpaid bill of last year were voted to be paid.

The committee appointed to look up the old history reported the history to be lost.

Collection taken \$6.96 paid out \$3.39.

Rev. Singer was called upon to make a few remarks which he did in a very pleasing manner.

The following program was then given.

Recitation I have A Secret John Griswold

Recitation A Yellow Pansy Dorothy Curtis

Recitation Doris Curtis

Solo Lets Get Friendly & Encore Billy Bartholomay

Recitation How Would You like to go up in a Swing Marjorie Rude

Recitation I Wish I Had a Pony John Rude

Solo I Came to the Garden Alone Irene Olver

Encore My Kitty

Recitation Russell Arnold

Duet When you and I Were Young Maggie

Mrs. Lynn Arnold

Mrs. D. Rude

Recitation The New Boy Violet Varcoe

Singing America

Mr. A. H. Curtis and Miss Augusta Curtis made a few well chosen remarks.

The program was brought to a close by the singing of God Be With You Till We Meet Again and a Benediction by Rev. Singer.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown and Robert, Frances and Elizabeth Corey, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Curtis, Evelyn Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Loomis, Kenneth, Gertrude, Alvin and Leland, Mrs. Homer Curtis, Joyce, and Doris, Mrs. E. H. Varcoe, Violet and Eunice, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Gardner, Edith and Gertrude, Miss Augusta Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rude, Mrs. Dwight Rude, Marjorie, John and Virginia, Mrs. A. H. Curtis and Dorothy, Mrs. Henry Bartholomay, Billy and Harriette, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Galen Gaylord, Leeta Geuther, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Mrs. Claud Arnold and Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Arnold, Donald, Carl, Calvin and Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Arnold and Claron, C. B. Treat, Mrs. John Cook, Leila and Thelbert, Mrs. George Pazel and Louis, Mrs. Howard Olver, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Olver, Irene, Jack and Neil, Mrs. Reginald Blair and Bryce, Mrs. F. C. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Griswold and John, Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite.

Visitors Rev. and Mrs. Milo D. Singer and Miss Dora Furman.

Mrs. Clarence Brown
Sec.

1932

The twenty-seventh annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold met Aug 17 - 1932 at Elk Lake. A picnic was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon a short business was called by A. H. Curtis as the President being absent.

The minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

Election of officers A.H. Curtis President, Mrs. Mervin Loomis Vice President, Mrs. Clarence Brown Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Rude Treas, all other committees reappointed.

Program

Recitation Berry Picking Gertrude Loomis

Recitation Jack and Jill Erwin Curtis

Recitation [?] Scattered Island Joyce Curtis

Recitation A business Man John Rude

Recitation Ten Little Mission Boys Dwight Rude

Recitation Indian Children John Griswold

Recitation [?] Closeing Speech Doris Curtis

Collection \$4.70

Expenses (4.00)

Plates etc .97

Total \$4.97

The Birth, Death, and Marriage Committee made the following report.

Births

A son to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Curtis Jr. July 1932

Samuel Melvin

Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Arnold July 7 1932

Beatrice Mae

Son to Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Rude Aug 6th

Frederick Remsen

Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rude Oct 29th 1932

Helen Frances

Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Arnold Feb 19th 1932

Myra Gene

Marriages

Burdette Gardner to Ellen Shoemaker

Members Present

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Curtis Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Loomis, Kenneth, Gertrude, Alvin and Leland, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Curtis, Louis, Joyce & Erwin, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Galen Gaylord, A. H. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Griswold and son John, Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Olver, John Olver, Milo Gardner, Edith and Gertrude Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Gardner, Mrs. Mary Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown, Robert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Loomis, son James, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rude, Eleanor, Jack and Helen Rude, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rude, Dwight, Jr. and John Rude, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Geuther, Charles and Leta Geuther.

Fifty Present.

Mrs. Clarence Brown Sec.

1933

The twenty-eighth annual reunion of descendants of John and Elisabeth Griswold met August 16th 1933 at the Clinton Center Church. The picnic dinner was enjoyed by sixty members of the family being present and two visitors. The President A. H. Curtis called the members together for the afternoon meeting with the singing of America. An orchestra consisting of Gertrude Gardner at the piano, Rev. Milo L. Singer Trombone, A. H. Curtis and Billy Evans cornets, and Vance Griswold violin playing two selections "Toiling On," and "Blessed Sunshine In." The minutes of last meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurer's report Money in Treas. \$12.75 Flowers \$3.00 leaving a balance of \$9.95 Collection of the day \$5.04 Total \$14.99 expense of ice cream \$5.20 Leaving a balance in Treas. \$9.79 etc.

Birth, Death, and Marriage committee gave the following reports. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Blair Stanley Laughlin Born Nov 22nd 1932, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis Born March 12th 1933 Henry Griswold Jr., a son to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Treat Born June 6th 1933 Kenneth Dale, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilmot born June 14th 1933 LeRoy Eugene, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Arnold Aug. 1, 1933 Maribelle Irene, a daughter was born to Mrs. Ernest Brudos. The deaths were Mrs. Flora Loomis Brown, Edgar Paul Graham and Mrs. Frank Curtis. Marriages Nellie Curtis to Bert Larson. Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite was elected to fill the Secretary's place left vacant by the death of Mrs. Flora Loomis Brown who had held the office since 1914. A committee on resolutions was appointed to send letter of sympathy to her husband Clarence Brown and Loomis family. The program was as follows: Recitation, Hello Everybody, Virginia Rude; Reading Let's have a picnic out of doors Leta Geuther; Recitation, The Medicine Bottle, Eunice Varcoe; Vocal Duett A Spanish Cavalier Edward and Wilbur Curtis; Recitation, Its a Fact, John Rude; Solo Bo Peep, Dorothy Geuther; Recitation, Nina Marie Geuther; Piano Solo The Clown, Faye Arnold; Recitation, Jonathan Bing, John Griswold; Recitation, Irwin Curtis; Instrumental Music, Moonlight and Roses, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Griswold; Recitation, God Smiles, Billy Cooley; Recitation, My Shadow, Lewis Pazel; Cornet Duett, A. H. Curtis and Billy Evans. All joined in singing "In the Sweet Bye and By," with the Orchestra accompaning after which They Marched to the adjoining cemetery where the children placed bouquets on the graves of those that had passed beyond of the Griswold Family. John Griswold placing on the grave of his Great, great, great grandfather John Griswold who was one of the first settlers.

Francis Griswold grave Wilbur Curtis
Sumner Griswold Thelbert Cook
Horace Griswold Robert Oliver
Mrs. Louisa Griswold Curtis Irwin Curtis
Mrs. Laura Griswold Loomis Alvin Loomis
Nathan Griswold Dwight Rude Jr.
Homer Griswold Leland Loomis
John Griswold Bryce Blair and Betty Cooley
Alfred Griswold John Rude
Ambrose Griswold Lewis Arnold Jr.
Silas Griswold Edward Curtis
Cornelia Griswold Gaylord Faye Arnold
Sarah Ann Griswold Eunice Varcoe
Electa Griswold Arnold Donald Arnold

Rev. Milo D. Singer led in prayer and dismissed with a benediction.

During the afternoon games of baseball, quoits, and [?] struck were enjoyed by all.

Those present F. H. Curtis Sr., Mrs. Homer Curtis, son Irvin, Mrs. Ensign Varcoe, daughter Eunice, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Curtis, Miss Augusta Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis, sons Edward, Wilbur and Henry Jr., Mrs. W. E. Rude, Mrs. Dwight Rude, children Dwight Jr., John, Virginia and Frederick, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, son Galen, Mrs. Stephen Geuther, daughters Leta, Nina Marie, and Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. J. Vance Griswold, son John, Rena Cowperthwaite, Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Donald Arnold, all of Clinton, Mrs. Claude Arnold, Faye and Lewis Jr. of Lake Ariel, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Loomis, sons Kenneth, Alvin, Leland, of Maple Grove, Mrs. John Cook, [?] Leilabelle and Thelbert Cook of Creamton, Mrs. Russell Wildenstein, Mrs. George Pazel, son Lewis, Maple Grove, Henry Bartholomay, son Billy, Vandling, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Gardner, Edith and Gertrude, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oliver, Mrs. Reginald Blair, sons Bryce and Douglas of Carbondale, Billy Cooley, Pittston. Visitors Rev. Milo D. Singer, Aldenville, Billy Evans, Pittston.

Rena Cowperthwaite Sec.

"Resolutions"

Whereas, it has been the will of our heavenly Father to remove from our midst our faithful secretary Flora Loomis Brown.

Resolved that we, the members of the John and Elizabeth Griswold Reunion extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and family, that we send one copy of this resolution to the husband, and to the Mother, and that these resolutions be recorded in the minutes.

1934

The twenty-ninth annual reunion of John & Elizabeth Griswold met Aug. 15, 1934 at Clinton Center Church. A picnic dinner was served to 76 members of the family and 5 visitors.

Meeting opened with Miss Gertrude Gardner at the piano. All joined in singing America. Prayer by Rev. McKenzie a former pastor of the church.

The following officers were elected: -

A. H. Curtis Pres.

Claude Arnold Vice Pres.

Mrs. Mervin Loomis Sec.

Mrs. Margaret Rude Treas.

Committee on Birth, Deaths, & Marriages -

Rena Cowperthwaite, Gertrude Gardner, and Mrs. Mervin Loomis.

Program Com. Mrs. Verna Varcoe, Mrs. Homer Curtis, Mrs. Henry Curtis.

Table Com. Mrs. Claude Arnold, Mrs. Arthur Curtis, Mrs. Hattie Arnold.

Collection taken.

Singing - Showers of Blessings

Expenses - Ice Cream \$5.30, .90 coffee, paper plates & napkins. Total \$6.20.

Entertainment was as follows

Song - Oh me, Oh my - The Children

Recitation - The World - Eunice Varcoe

Recitation - The Bible is the book for a business

man - John Rude

Recitation - The twenty-third Psalm - Virginia Rude

Song - John Browns Baby - The children

Oration - Valuations on Character - Dorothy Curtis

Piano solo by Marjorie Rude

Recitation - Erwin Curtis

Recitation - Just being happy - Joyce Curtis

Recitation - Somebody said it couldn't be done

Doris Curtis

Song - Home on the range by Lewis Arnold, John

Griswold, Carl Arnold, Calvin Arnold, Russell Arnold.

Encore "I like Mountain Music" Russell Arnold

Recitation - A boy & his stomach - John Griswold

Reading - The Stomach's Reply - Gertrude Loomis

Piano Solo - Black Hawk Walk - Billy Bartholomew.

He also responded to an encore.

Remarks by Rev. McKenzie, Claude Arnold, Miss Edna

Loomis, Mark Griswold, Mrs. Harriet Gardner and Harold

Oliver. Report of Births, Deaths & Marriages: Norman

Curtis Dec. 14 to Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Kern, Allyn

Sept 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartholomay, Barbara

Ann Mar 29 to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gelder, Joan Ellen

Dec 30 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Loomis, Francis Henry III

Mar 21 Mr. & Mrs. F. H. Curtis, Jr., Milo Burdette

Dr. & Mrs. Burdette Gardner, Gary Mr. & Mrs. Ray

Ewing

Deaths

Dwight Rude Jr. Jan 26, 1934

Malden Griswold Feb. 28 1934

Keith Arnold June 26 1934

Wallace Still

Marriages

Edgar Stiles Louise Coons

Cryll Arnold Mildred Craven

Merrill Cook Winifred Kane

Meeting adjourned by singing In the sweet by & bye.

Benediction by Rev. McKenzie.

Rena Cowperthwaite

Sec.

1935

The thirtieth annual reunion of the John & Elizabeth Griswold family met at the Clinton Center church Aug 21, 1935.

A bountiful picnic dinner was enjoyed by 74 members.

The business meeting was called to order by the Pres. A. H. Curtis. All joined in singing America accompanied by Gertrude Gardner at the piano.

Miss Augusta Curtis offered prayer. Minutes of last year were read and approved.

Treas. reported a bal. of \$9.95. The following bills were ordered paid; plates 40, coffee & tea .88 ice cream 7.00 Total 8.28.

All committees were reappointed for next year.

The com. on Births, Deaths, & Marriages reported

Births

Charles Dec 18 1934 to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Curtis

Dorothy Joyce Dec. 20 to Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Graham

Robert Homer Feb. 4 1935 to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Curtis

Glenn Lewis July 6 to Mr. & Mrs. Rexford Arnold

Noreen Ann Mar. 6 to Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Arnold

Marriages

Helen Wright & Ralph Giles Feb. 25, 1935

Alice Curtis & Raymond Williams Mar. 16

Deaths

Mrs. Mary Loomis Jan. 25, 1935

Coll. of \$4.57 was taken.

The following program was given

Violin solo by J. V. Griswold.

Recitations by John Rude & Connie Cooley.

Piano solo Marjorie Rude

Recitation Eunice Varcoe

Song by the children

Recitations by Bryce Blair & Lewis Pazel.

Vocal duet by Wilbur & Patricia Curtis.

Recitation by Marjorie Rude

Violin solo by J. V. Griswold

Rec. John Griswold

The meeting was closed by singing "In the Sweet Bye & Bye."

C. C. Loomis Sec.

1936

Clinton Center Church Aug. 19, 1936. The descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at the Clinton Center church for their thirty-first annual reunion.

A bountiful picnic dinner was enjoyed by sixty-four members and friends.

The business meeting was called to order by Pres. A. H. Curtis.

All joined in singing America.

Prayer by Rev. Singer.

Min. read and approved.

Treas. reported \$9.95 Bal. 4.57 coll. \$8.28 expense

Bal. \$6.24. This report was accepted.

Table com. presented bills total \$5.88. This was ordered paid.

Report of Births

Wm. Henry '36 to Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Arnold

Kathryn Mae Sept. 28 '35 to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bartholomay

Son July 9 '36 to Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Stiles

Son Curtis Dale July 4 '36 to Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Brudos

Daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Giles

Mary Louise Nov. 8 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Loomis

Robert Edgar Sept. 16 Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Loomis

Death of Eva Arnold Randall June 24

Marriages

Marshall Cook Frances Starks

Charles Geuther Elizabeth Corey June 27

Program

Song Smiles

Piano Solo - Nina Marie Geuther

Rec. Harriet Bartholomay.

Rec. "Bill's in Trouble" - Violet Varcoe

Song. Moonlight & Roses

Rec. "When my Pa was a boy." John Rude

Piano duet - Marj. & Marg. Rude

Song Carry me back to Old Virginy.

Piano Solo - Billy Bartholomay.

Remarks by Rev. Singer on The Family and Institutions

of God.

Coll. \$4.75

Motion made and sec. that the officers remain the same

for another year. Carried.

The following com. were appointed

Program Gertrude Gardner, Mira Griswold, Margaret

Rude.

Table Ch. Mrs. Verna Varcoe, Mrs. Minnie Arnold,

Mrs. Ethel Geuther, Miss Edith Gardner and Mrs. Rena

Cowperthwaite.

Place of Meeting Ch. J. Vance Griswold, Mrs. Hattie

Arnold and Mrs. Laura Rude.

Carrie C. Loomis, Sec.

1937

Aug. 18, 1937 Clinton Center Church

The descendants of John & Elizabeth Griswold met for

their thirty-second annual reunion.

A bountiful dinner was enjoyed by thirty-eight members.

The business meeting was called to order by Pres. A.

H. Curtis.

All joined in singing America accompanied by Margaret

Rude.

Invocation by Augusta Curtis.

The min. of 1936 were read and approved.

Treas. reported a bal. of \$5.11.

Expenses for ice cream, coffee & plates \$5.86.

Discussion as to whether we continue the Griswold

reunion.

Motion made and sec. to lay the question on the

table until next year. Carried.

The place of 1938 reunion left with com. to decide.

Coll. \$2.45 taken.

Program

Piano Duet Nina & Dorothy Geuther

Vocal Solo & encore by Virginia Rude

Piano Solo & encore by Billy Bartholomay

Speech "Story-Strong Man McGinty" by Prof. Dwight

Rude

Speech - "The hour of the Day" by W. E. Rude

Speech Two interesting things on my Western trip

Carrie Loomis

Solo by A. H. Curtis

Closing song "In the Sweet Bye & Bye"

Benediction by W. E. Rude

Births

Son Carrol Arden to Mr. & Mrs. F.H. Curtis, Jr.

Twins Jean-Joan to Ruth Patey Needham

Deaths

Wm. V. Curtis Nov. 1936

C. J. Stiles June 30, 1937

Marriages

Fred Oliver to Dorothy Lambert

Louise Russell to Albert Winter

Helen Russell to Walter Powell

Nelson Loomis to Hilda Bates 1937

Carrie C. Loomis, Sec.

1938

Moosic Grange Hall Aug. 17, 1938

The 33rd annual reunion of the John & Elizabeth Griswold family met for basket dinner. 69 members were present.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. A. H. Curtis.

All joined in singing America.

Prayer by Leon Corey.

Treas. reported Bal. of \$1.70 from 1937.

Bills of ref. 50¢ coffee & plates and \$2 hall presented.

Report of Births Marriages & deaths.

Births

Shirley Frances Aug. 26, 1937 Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Geuther

Margaret Rose Jan 17, 1938 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gelder

Jon Richards Oct. 2, 1937 Dr. & Mrs. B. C. Gardner

Marjorie Louise Nov. 17, 1937 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Oliver

Deaths

Jennie Curtis died Sept. 4, 1937

Edwin Randall 1938

Carrie Griswold May 9, 1938

Marriages

Clyde Bayless & Helen Price Nov. 13, 1937.

Edna Loomis Leroy Loomis July 20, 1938.

Motion made & sec. to continue reunion. Carried.

Motion made to meet 3rd Wed of Aug. 1939 at Moosic

Grange Hall sec. & carried.

Motion made and sec. to elect all officers the same

for the next two years carried.

Collection of \$4.47 rec. leaving Bal. 3.98.

A few remarks were given by W. E. Rude on preparing

the youth for tomorrow.

Leon Carey spoke on Not the Glory of your ancestors

but what are you doing?

Program

Rec. My Puppy by Bryce Blair

Song - Smile, Smile, Smile Boys Cho.

Play - A Family with but a Single Shot

Patricia, Russel Arnold, Eunice Varcoe, Gertrude Loomis,

John Griswold, Violet Varcoe, Mira Griswold

Piano Solo - Dorothy Geuther

Reading A Mortifying Mistake by Virginia Rude encore

Duet by Leon & Orson Corey which was responded to by

encore and request.

Play Turning the Tables - Marjorie Rude, John Rude,

Virginia Rude and Calvin Arnold.

Song Girls Cho.

Play - When Eben got Rattled

Wilbur Curtis, Doris Curtis, Joyce Curtis, Russell Ar-

nold, Eunice Varcoe, John Griswold.

C. C. Loomis, sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1938 are as follows:

Mervin Loomis (Waymart, RD), Alvin Loomis (Waymart, RD), John Griswold (Waymart, RD 1), Wilbur Curtis (Waymart, R. # 1), John Rude (Waymart, RFD 1), Frederick Rude (Carbondale, PA), Dwight Rude (Carbondale, PA), Virginia Rude (Carbondale, PA), Margaret Rude (Carbondale, PA), Laura Rehbein (Mansfield, PA), Edward Curtis (Waymart, RD), Kenneth Loomis (Waymart, RD), F. C. Griswold (Waymart, RD), J. V. Griswold (Waymart, RD), Mira Griswold, Marjorie Rude (Paris, Holland), Patricia Curtis (London, France), Gertrude Loomis (South Side, Europe), Eunice Varcoe, Violet Varcoe (Rome, England), Joyce Curtis (Berlin, Czechoslovakia), Doris Curtis (New York, Spain), Mr. F. H. Curtis, Homer Curtis, Mrs. Homer Curtis, Ensign Curtis, Robert Curtis, Mrs. Ethel Geuther, Dorothy Geuther, Carrie Loomis, Verna C. Varcoe, L. H. Arnold, Mr. Edward A. Curtis, Henry G. Curtis, Sr., Grace S. Curtis, Henry G. Curtis, Jr., Charles D. Curtis, Augusta G. Curtis, Mr. & Mrs. Milo Gardner (Carbondale, PA), Edith and Gertrude Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Rude, Arthur Curtis, Dorothy Curtis, Mrs. Jennie Gaylord, Henry Corey, Ina Corey, Emma Corey, Evelyn Corey, Orson Corey, Fern Corey, Leland Loomis, Galen Gaylord, Mrs. Lynn Arnold, Donald Arnold, Carl Arnold, Calvin Arnold, Russell Arnold, Billy Arnold, Rena Cowperthwaite, Irene Mae Oliver, Louise M. Oliver, Minna Blair, Bryce Blair, Douglas Blair,

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1939 are as follows:

Carrie C. Loomis, Kenneth Loomis, Mervin Loomis, Alvin Loomis, John Remsen Rude, Leland Loomis, Augusta G. Curtis, Arthur Curtis, F. H. Curtis, Gertrude Gardner, Milo M. Gardner, Eunice Varcoe, Mrs. E. H. Varcoe, Mrs. Milo Gardner, Edith Gardner, Marjorie Pierson, Constance Cooley, Dorothy Curtis, Margaret R. Rude, Frederick Rude, Virginia Rude, Laura M. Rude, Marjorie Rude, Joyce Curtis, Doris Curtis, Pat Curtis, Henry Curtis, Jr., J. V. Griswold, Wilbur Curtis, John Griswold, Irene Oliver, Louise M. Oliver, Rena Cowperthwaite, Nira Griswold, Phyllis Olver, Erwin Curtis, Robert Curtis, Myrtle W. Curtis, Charles D. Curtis, Grace S. Curtis, Frances Corey, Eliz. Geuther, Shirley Geuther.

1940

Aug. 21, 1940
The 35th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met at Moosic Grange Hall for a bountiful basket dinner. 48 [?] registered.
The business meeting was called to order by Pres. A. H. Curtis.
All joined in singing America.
Prayer by Leon Corey.
A Playette "Newspaper Perplexities" was well rendered by Marjorie Rude and Faye Arnold.
Min of 1939 were read and approved.
Treas. reported bal of \$1.15.
Collection \$3.85 Bills \$2.75 ordered paid. Bal. \$2.25.
Duet by Nina & Dorothy Geuther.
Remarks were responded to by the older members.
Election of officers
Pres. John Griswold
V. Pres. Verna Varcoe
Sec. Carrie Loomis
Treas. Minnie Arnold
Motion pictures by Prof. Rude were enjoyed. Western trip.
Carrie Loomis Sec.

Births
son Niles Mr. & Mrs. Henry Curtis
daughter Carol Roberts Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Geuther
daughter Margaret Louise Mr. & Mrs. Albert Winter
daughter Judith Ann Mr. & Mrs. Reg. Blair
daughter Wanda Dawn Mr. & Mrs. Clark Wilmot
son Eugene Chas. Mr. & Mrs. Joel Miller
Marriages
Marjorie Norton Clarence B. Walker Jr.
Deaths
Mrs. Jennie Gaylord
Carrie C. Loomis

Committees appointed
Table - Mrs. Verna Varcoe, Edith Gardner, Mrs. Arnold.
Program - Birth, Deaths & Marriages - Rena Cowperthwaite, Pearl Cox, Beatrice Bartholomay.
Program - Marjorie Rude, Billy Bartholomay, Joyce Curtis.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1940 are as follows:

John Griswold, Calvin Arnold, Russel Arnold, William Curtis, Alvin Loomis, Leland Loomis, J. V. Griswold, L. H. Arnold, Dorothy Corey, Evelyn Corey, Orson Corey, Leon Corey, John Rude, Marjorie Rude, Pat Curtis, Fred Rude, Fay Arnold, Doris Curtis, Joyce Curtis, D. W. Rude, Mrs. Gertrude Smith, Mrs. W. E. Rude, W. E. Rude, Florence Curtis Cooley, Rena Cowperthwaite, Mrs. Lynn Arnold, Russel Arnold, Billy Arnold, Mrs. E. H. Varcoe, Carrie C. Loomis, Milo Gardner, Mrs. Milo Gardner, Gertrude Gardner, Edith Gardner, Henry C. Corey, Margaret Rude, Eunice Varcoe, F. H. Curtis, Augusta Curtis, Mrs. Charles Geuther, Carol Geuther, Shirley Geuther, Dorothy Geuther, Louise M. Oliver, Mrs. L. H. Arnold, Mrs. A. H. Curtis, Doris Curtis, Joyce Curtis, Kenneth Loomis.

1941

Aug. 20, 1941
The 36th annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at the Moosic Grange Hall. A basket dinner was served. Fifty members and three visitors were present.
The business meeting was called to order by pres. John Griswold.
Min. of 1940 were read.
Treas. report of \$2.25 Bal. given by Margaret Rude.
Bills of \$2 for Hall and 59¢ for coffee & plates presented. A motion was made sec. and carried to pay bills. A collection of \$4.08 was taken. Bal 3.74.
Report of Births, Deaths and Marriages by Beatrice Bartholomay.
Births
Cora Sue Jan 11 to Mr. & Mrs. Lester Cook
Carol Louise Mar. 19 Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Bayless
Janice Feb. 11 Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Stiles
Clara Ann Aug. 7 Mr. & Mrs. Rex. Arnold
Marriages
Clarissabelle Treat & Rob Sheenan June 11, 1941
Edward Curtis & Anna Mae Robinson June 21, 1941
Marjorie Corey & Chas. Wildenberg Mar. 19, 1941
Deaths
Wm. Rude June 2, 1941
John De Wolf Oct. 15, 1940
Program
Rec. "My Sister's Hand me Downs" - Dorothy Geuther
Dialogue - "The New Minister" by Marj. Rude, Joyce Curtis, Nina Geuther and John Griswold.
Rec. "Since Ma has uped her hair" - Eunice Varcoe
Dialogue Mr. Dash Goes Shopping by Marj. Rude, Virginia Rude, John Griswold, Darwin Geuther.
Song - Daisy - Margaret Gelder
Remarks by Arthur Curtis
Gertrude Gardner presented a framed sampler to Augusta Curtis from Harriet Curtis Lawskey. This sampler was made by Louisa Griswold at the age of 10 yrs. 103 years ago.
Min. were read and approved.
Song - "God be with you Till we meet again."

Carrie C. Loomis
Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1941 are as follows:

Dorothy Curtis, Laura C. Rehbein, Gertrude Gardner, Juanita Curtis Gelder, Margaret Jean Gelder, Barbara Gelder, Mrs. Arthur Curtis, Mrs. Clyde Bayless, Jean Bayless, Mrs. Henry Bayless, Carol Bayless, Mrs. Dwight Rude, Marjory Rude, John Rude, Frederick Rude, Virginia Rude, Mrs. Laura Rude, Augusta Curtis, Henry Bartholomay, Mrs. Henry Bartholomay, Allyn Bartholomay, Mrs. Lewis Arnold, Mrs. Vance Griswold, Mr. Vance Griswold, John Griswold, Mr. Fred Griswold, Mrs. Verna C. Varcoe, Eunice Varcoe, Orson Corey, Alvin Loomis, Leland Loomis, Erwin L. Curtis, Arthur H. Curtis, Mrs. Milo Gardner, Edith Gardner, Charles Curtis, Edward Curtis, Anna Mae Curtis, Ethel Geuther, Nina Geuther, Dorothy Geuther, Darwin Geuther, Mervin Loomis, Henry Corey, Mrs. Henry Corey, Evelyn Corey, Dorothy Corey, Carrie C. Loomis, Mervin Loomis, F. H. Curtis, Joyce Curtis, Rev. Bjork, Mrs. Bjork.

1942

Aug. 19, 1942
The 37th. annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall for a basket dinner.
Thirty nine members and five visitors were present.
The business meeting was called to order by Rev. John Griswold.
All joined in singing The Star Spangled Banner.
The min. of 1941 were read.
Treas. reported a bal of \$3.74.
Bills of \$2.55 were voted to be paid.
A coll. of \$4.58 was taken. Bal 5.77
Election of officers were as follows.
Pres. John Griswold
V. Pres. Verna Varcoe
Sec. Carrie Loomis
Treas. Minnie Arnold
Motion made sec. and carried to carry on the reunion as long as possible.
Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite reported
Marriages
Dorothy Curtis & Geo. Hornbeck Jr. Aug 1, 1941
Rita Smith & Simon Gustitus Nov. 1, 1941
Alfred Ritter & Mildred Hitchcock July 4, 1942
Dorothy Corey & Wm. Ogden May 22, 1942
Orson Corey & Amelia Decker Dec. 1, 1941
Deaths
Mrs. Louise Griswold Oliver Nov. 15, 1941
Births
Judith Oct. 8, 1941 to Mr. & Mrs. Meryl Cox
Carol Mar. 24, 1942 to Mr. & Mrs. Willard Cox
Robert Carl Sept. 8, 1944 to Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Geuther
James Lewis July 25, 1942 to Mr. & Mrs. Clark Wilmot
John Raymond Apr. 2, 1942 to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Oliver
Geo. Jr. May 1, 1942 to Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Hornbeck
Daniel Mar. 23, 1942 to Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Stiles
Clarence Brown July 15, 1942 to Mr. & Mrs. Clarence B. Walker, Jr.
Charles Henry Feb. 14, 1942 to Mr. and Mrs. Wildenberg
Scripture and Prayer by Rev. Bjork
Song Smile, Smile, Smile.
A talk was given by Rev. Bahnsen also a few remarks by Leon Corey & Augusta Curtis.
Min. were read and approved.
Closing song "God Be with you Till We Meet Again."

Carrie C. Loomis, Sec.

Table Com. Margaret Rude, Myrtle Curtis, Grace Curtis.
Program Marj. Rude, Wilbur Curtis, Joyce Curtis.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1942 are as follows:

Mervin Loomis, Russel Arnold, John Griswold, J. V. Griswold, Roland Bahnsen, Mr. Fred Griswold, Nira Griswold, Betty R. Bahnsen, Margaret R. Rude, Laura C. Rehbein, Virginia Rude, Frederick Rude, Rena G. Cowperthwaite, Ina Corey, Henry C. Corey, F. H. Curtis, Milo M. Gardner, Harriet C. Gardner, Augusta G. Curtis, Laura M. Rude, Eunice Varcoe, Fay Arnold, Nina Geuther, Joyce Curtis, Doris Curtis, Gertrude Curtis, [?][?] Curtis, Mrs. Bjork, Rev. Bjork, Grace S. Curtis, Niles F. Curtis, Henry G. Curtis, Chas. D. Curtis, Hattie Arnold, Mrs. Verna C. Varcoe, Erwin Curtis, Robert Curtis, Myrtle W. Curtis, Gertrude Gardner, Mrs. Lynn Arnold, Wm. Henry Arnold, Carrie C. Loomis.

1943

No meeting was held on account of gas rationing.

1944

The 38th annual reunion met Aug. 16 at Moosic Grange Hall for a basket dinner. 37 members and 5 visitors were present.
The business meeting was called to order by Pres. John Griswold.
All joined in singing The Star Spangled Banner. Gertrude Gardner accompanist. This was followed by flag salute.
Min. of 1941 [sic] were read.
Treas. reported bal. of \$ 5.77
collection of 7.30
13.07
Bills ordered paid 8.14
Bal. \$ 4.93
Motion made sec. & carried to retain the same officers for another year.
Report of Marriages
Carl Arnold & Mildred Martin
Donald Arnold & Mabel Robbins
Gertrude Loomis & Henry Schaffer
Vincent Arnold & Olive Gillow
Beverly Van Valkenburg & Ira Barton
Eloise Anthony & Kenneth Rickerson
Frances Corey & Clarence Osborne
Mabel Curtis & Vaughn Haven
Kenneth Loomis & Mary Woodyshak
Grace Bayless & Johnson
Births
1. Curtis Ray Vaughan to Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Vaughn Feb - '44
2. James Thomas Wildenberg to Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Wildenberg Mar. 12 - 43
3. Orson Eugene Corey to Mr. & Mrs. Orson Corey June 7, 1943

4. Gloria Sue Ogden to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Ogden Aug 13, 1944
5. Lawrence Bryce Curtis to Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Curtis
6. Jean Elizabeth Olver to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Olver Sept. 18, 1942
7. Gertrude Louise Schaffer to Mr. & Mrs. H. Schaffer Sept. 18, 1943
8. Earnest Carl Barton to Mr. & Mrs. Ira Barton July 1944
9. Keith Anthony Rickerson to Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Rickerson July 4, 1944
10. Elaine Marilyn Geuther to Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Geuther Aug. 2, 1944
11. Gail Nelson Arnold to Mr. & Mrs. Rex. Arnold Sept. 1, 1943

12. Ann Mary Haven to Mr. & Mrs. Haven
Deaths
Johnston baby
James Thomas Wildenberg - Aug 15, 1944
Arthur H. Curtis Nov. 3, 1943
Program in charge of Marjorie Rude who cleverly presented a Radio Program.
Song by audience "Let Me Call you Sweet-Heart"
Introduction of distinguished guests "Uncle Frank Curtis" - "Uncle Milo Gardner." Rev. and Mrs. Bahnsen. Rev. B. gave a few remarks on the need of family life. He said "We need a new appreciation of family life. The old family life needs to be revived. To help our nation, our community and ourselves family life 'must be restored.'"
Story by Uncle Milo
Song by Mrs. Bahnsen accompanied by Nira Griswold
Presentation of a plaque containing stars of each one in service as follows

1. Carl Arnold	17. Clarence Loomis
2. Lewis Arnold	18. Harold Loomis
3. William Bartholomay	19. James MacQue
4. Grace Bayliss	20. Elwin Norton
5. Robert Arnold	21. Wm. Norton
6. Edmund Bates	22. Jack Oliver
7. Wm. Cooley	23. Robert Oliver
8. Williard Cox	24. Wm. Ogden
9. Gerald Cook	25. Clarence Osborne
10. Curtis Ewing	26. Carl Pazel
11. Robert Ewing	27. Alfred Ritter
12. Darwin Geuther	28. Donovan Stiles
13. Merton Geuther	29. Robert Treat
14. Dan Gummoe	30. Stephen Treat
15. David Edwards	31. Leon Wilmot
16. Rev. Gordon Hawley	32. Lloyd Wilmot
	33. Samuel Ganstatis

Quiz Wits - Nits won by Wits
Reading & adoption of min.
Closing song "God Be With You"
Prayer Rev. Bahnsen

Table Verna Verla Myrtle
Entert. Marj. Rude Nira Geuther Dorothy
Geuther
Births, Deaths Rena Cowperthwaite Beatrice
Bartholomay Grace Curtis

Carrie C. Loomis
Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1944 are as follows:

Rev. & Mrs. Russell Edwards & Judith Ann, Olga Stiles, Augusta G. Curtis, Mrs. Lynn Arnold, William Henry Arnold, John Griswold, Mrs. Laura M. Rude, Mrs. Milo Gardner, Mr. Milo Gardner, Gertrude Gardner, Frank H. Curtis, M. H. Loomis, John R. Rude, Erwin Curtis, Alvin Loomis, Wilbur Curtis, Henry Curtis, Jr., Charles Curtis, Robert Curtis, H. C. Corey, Mrs. Henry Corey, Mrs. John Petrus, Eunice Varcoe, Mrs. Kenneth Loomis, Violet Varcoe, Laura Rehbein, Marjorie Rude, Janet Loesch, Rena Cowperthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bahnsen, J. V. Griswold, Henry Curtis, Niles Curtis, Margaret Rude, Carrie C. Loomis, Verna C. Varcoe, Grace S. Stiles, Myrtle W. Curtis, Nira Griswold, Arthur Corey.

1945

Aug. 15, 1945
The 39th annual reunion met at the Moosic Grange Hall and enjoyed a bountiful basket dinner. Twenty-seven were present.
All joined in singing America followed by flag salute.
Prayer by Augusta Curtis and all joined in the Lord's prayer.
Min. of 1944 were read and corrected.
Bills of \$3 for ice cream
.60 for plates
.35 " coffee were read.
2.00 Hall
Total 5.95
Motion made sec. & carried to pay bills. Collection was taken which amt. to \$6.60 - 5.95 Bal. .65 + 4.93 = \$5.58
Report of Birth, Death and Marriages
Dewey Robert Sept. 10 '44 Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Stiles
Linda Elaine Feb. 21, '44 Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Curtis
Henry David May 14, '45 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schaffer
Francis H. Curtis died Apr. 26, 1945
Edmund Bates Apr. 24, 1944
Elwin Norton Aug. 16, 1944
Johnston baby June 6, 1945
Reading "Patriotism and Freedom" by Myrtle Curtis.
Reading "A Courting in the Country" Nira Griswold.
All joined in singing "God be with you Till We Meet Again."
Carrie C. Loomis
Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1945 are as follows:

Mrs. Milo Gardner, Gertrude Gardner, Olga J. Stiles, Myrtle W. Curtis, Verna C. Varcoe, Laura M. Rude, Augusta G. Curtis, Ethel Geuther, Pearl Cook, Cora Sue Cook, Lester Cook, Homer Curtis, Claude Munaton, Jerry Styles, Susie Cook, Rena Cowperthwaite, Nira R. Griswold, Laura C. Rehbein, John Griswold, Erwin J. Curtis, Joyce Irene Curtis, Rena Marie Geuther, M. H. Loomis, Eunice Varcoe, Violet Varcoe, E. H. Varcoe, Carrie C. Loomis.

1946

Aug. 21, 1946

The 50th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met at the Moosic Grange Hall Wed. Aug. 21, for a basket picnic. There were 34 members and 2 visitors present.

After dinner the Vice Pres. Verna Varcoe called the meeting to order.

All joined in singing "America" and giving the flag salute and pledge.

Prayer by Rev. Schillinger.

Reading & adoption of min. for 1945.

Bills of \$5 for ice cream and 50¢ for plates voted to be paid.

At the suggestion of various ones present it was voted not to make any contribution for use of hall as the members of reunion gave the hall a thorough cleaning.

Collection of \$6.31 taken. Reading treas. report.

\$ 6.31
5.58 Bal. 45
\$11.89
5.50
\$ 6.39 Bal.

Election as follows:

Pres. Nira Griswold
V. " Margaret Rude
Sec. Carrie Loomis
Treas. Myrtle Curtis

Report of Births:

Rebecca Leah Apr. 5 to Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Meade
Belva June June 5 to Mr. & Mrs. Lester Cook
Daughter Oct. '45 to Mr. & Mrs. Wildenberger
Verla Dawn July 17 to Mr. & Mrs. Rex Arnold
Russell Thomas July 22 '46 to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Powell
Joseph Kenneth Oct 8 '46 to Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Loomis
Marie and Mary twins Aug 18 46 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Gustitus
John Martin Aug 15 46 to Mr. & Mrs. Martin McGurrie
Sandra Elaine to Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Hornbeck

Marriages

Clyde Meade and Doris Wright Aug. 31 45
Collins Dorothy Arnold Apr. 12, 1946
Gerald Cook Marjorie Rude Mar. 3, 1946
Violet Varcoe David Hauenstein June 29 - 1946
Donovan Stiles Dorothy O'Neil June 22 - 1946
Lewis Arnold Barbara Brooks Apr. 21, 1946
Wm. Cooley Gloria Gerome Jan. 5, 1946
Robert DeWitt Grace Bayliss Johnston 1946

Deaths

Mrs. Harriet Arnold Sept. 12, 1945
Henry Corey 1945
Lieut. Merton Geuther Nov. 24, 1945
Neil R. Arnold Feb. 14, 1946
Randolph Smith 1946
Kenneth A. Rickerson Apr. 22, 1946

Program conducted by Marjorie Cook
Singing "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes"
"The Quilting Party"
Recitation - by Judith Ann Blair
Duet by Nira Griswold & Mrs. Schillinger accompanied by Margaret Rude.
A sketch "The Brutal Miner" Gerald Cook, Clyde Meade, Alvin Loomis, Virginia Rude, Violet Hauenstein and Doris Meade.
Song "God Bless America"
Remarks by Rev. Schillinger

Committees appointed by Nira Griswold for 1947.
Program Ch. Marjorie Cook.
Births, Deaths, Marriages - Grace Curtis
Table - Violet Hauenstein, Leah Wright and Mrs. John Cook.
Closed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."
Carrie C. Loomis, Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1946 are as follows:

Henry Curtis, Charles Curtis, Rev. William R. Schillinger, Mary Theresa Loomis, Violet Hauenstein, Virginia Laura Rude, Olga Stiles, Jerry Stiles, Janice Stiles, Dana Stiles, Leah Wright, Laura M. Rude, Rena Cowperthwaite, Augusta Curtis, Mrs. John Cook, Margaret R. Rude, Judith Blair, Douglas Blair, Bryce Blair, Mrs. Reginald Blair, Gertrude Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Cook, Doris Mead, Clyde Mead, Nira Griswold, Carrie C. Loomis, Alvin M. Loomis, M. H. Loomis, Mrs. Homer Curtis, Mrs. Ensign Varcoe, Henry Curtis, Sr., Henry Curtis, Jr., Grace Curtis.

1947

Aug. 20, 1947

The 41st annual reunion of the John & Elizabeth Griswold family met at Moosic Grange. At noon a bountiful dinner was enjoyed by 29 members of the family.

The business meeting was called to order by Pres. Nira Griswold.

All joined in singing America accompanied by Gertrude Gardner on the piano.

Prayer by Augusta Curtis.

Reading & adoption of min. of 1946.

Bills of \$6.17 ordered paid.

Coll. of \$5.96 was taken.

Remarks were given on continuing the reunion. By unanimous vote it was decided to continue reunion.
Treas. report Bal. 6.39 + 5.96 coll = \$12.35
Less \$6.17 = \$6.18 in Treas.

Report of Births Deaths & Marriages
Margaretta Marie June 12 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Loomis
David III Mr. & Mrs. David Hauenstein Jr.
[child] Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Cook
son Mr. & Mrs. Jack Oliver
[child] Mr. & Mrs. Clark Wilmot

Program

Essay "Hidden Uses" written by Laura Rude 65 years ago.
Duet by Nira Griswold and Margaret Rude accompanied by Gertrude Gardner.
Rec. Margaret Rude "A Courtin"
Remarks by Rev. Bahnsen.

Carrie C. Loomis
Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1947 are as follows:

John Griswold, Wilbur Curtis, Henry Curtis, J. V. Griswold, Homer Curtis, Mervin H. Loomis, Henry Curtis, Niles Curtis, Laura C. Rehbein, Roland Bahnsen, Margaret R. Rude, Betty R. Bahnsen, L. H. Arnold, Mrs. John Cook, Laura M. Rude, Augusta G. Curtis, Edith Wildenstein, Gertrude Gardner, Robert Curtis, Charles Curtis, Rena Cowperthwaite, Mrs. Etta B. Evans, Carrie C. Loomis, Mary T. Loomis, Joseph K. Loomis, Mrs. Verna Varcoe, Myrtle W. Curtis, Nira R. Griswold, Grace S. Curtis.

1948

Aug. 18, 1948

The 42nd annual reunion of the John & Elizabeth Griswold family met at Moosic Grange for a bountiful basket dinner. There were 32 relatives and 2 visitors present.

The business meeting was called to order by Nira Griswold president.

All joined in singing "America" Gertrude Gardner presiding.

Prayer by Mrs. Cobb.

Reading & adoption of 1947 min.

Bills of 6.25 ordered paid.

Collection \$5.87 (\$6.18 + 5.87 = 12.05 - 6.25 = 5.80 Bal.)

Election of officers:

Pres. Gertrude Gardner

V. " Verna Varcoe

Sec. Carrie Loomis

Treas. Nira Griswold

Program in charge of Marj. Cook.

Songs "Smile, Smile, Smile" "Whispering Hope"

Rec. "The Little Old Lady" Aunt Augusta

Song Aileen & Carol Geuther

Quiz Parents won by Laura Rheibein

Song "Stars of the Summer Night"

Closing song - God be With You Till We Meet Again

Births

John Leonard Oct. 28, 1947 Lester & Pearl Cook
Kenneth Glen Feb. 26, 1948 Connie & Ken Johnson
Sandra Amanda May 12, 1948 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Forsberg
Allen Richard Mar. 1, 1948 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Curtis
son to Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Pazel June 12, 1948 d. same date

Marriages

Ralph Curtis & Marie Allen Dec. 1947
Calvin Arnold Betty Box July 1948
John Rude Jessie Koehler Aug. 14, 1948
Billy Bartholomay Mary Collins June 26, 1948
Clyde Pazel Delores Smith Sept. 27, 1947

Committees appointed

Table - Leah Wright, Carrie Loomis and Ethel Geuther

Program - Margaret Rude

Births, Deaths & Marriages - Verna Varcoe.

Carrie Loomis
Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1948 are as follows:

Carrie C. Loomis, Verna C. Varcoe, E. H. Varcoe, Gertrude Gardner, Susie Cook, L. H. Arnold, Laura C. Rehbein, Marjorie Oliver, Margaret Rude, D. W. Rude, J. V. Griswold, Nira R. Griswold, Carol R. Geuther, Elaine M. Geuther, Ethel Geuther, George Pazel, Mildred Pazel, Doris Mead & Rebekah, Sandra Giles, Leah Wright, Mervin Loomis, Joseph Loomis, Margaretta Loomis, Mary T. Loomis, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Laura M. Rude, Olga Stiles, Augusta Curtis, Rena Cowperthwaite, Frederick R. Rude, John Griswold, Grace Curtis, Pat Curtis.

1949

Aug. 17, 1949

The 43rd annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall at noon for a basket dinner. 45 relatives & 2 visitors were present.

The business meeting was called to order by Pres. Gertrude Gardner.

All repeated the pledge to the flag.

Prayer by Mrs. Cobb.

Reading and adoption of min. of 1948.

Bills for refreshments & rent of \$6.40 were ordered paid.

A collection of \$8.97 was received. Bal \$8.37

Report of Births

Barbara Doreen Dec. 18, 1948 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Oliver
son Dec. 25, 1948 Mr. & Mrs. Ken. Johnson
Susan Margaret Apr. 16, 1949 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Cook
Carol Virginia July 11, 1948 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schaffer
Mark Howard Mr. & Mrs. Robert Oliver
Donna May 6, 1949 Mr. & Mrs. James Dolan
Robert Oliver & Laura Howard
Bernice Curtis & Cpt. James Dolan June 1947

Mrs. Laura Rude presented the following program -
Song America
Rec. "Old Man Thunder" Sandra Giles
Musical rec. "Ain't Got a Watch Dog No More" by Gene Bayliss
Letter from Esther Griswold read by Nira G.
Songs Forever and Ever, Sailing Down a River
by Shirley & Carol Geuther, Sandra and Judy Giles and Jean Bayliss.
An interesting talk was given by Verna Varcoe about her Canadian trip.
Duet by Mrs. Wildenstein & Myrtle Curtis
Fishing in Alaska by Aunt Augusta
Piano solo Margaret Rude
Closing song - "God Be With You"

Carrie C. Loomis, Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1949 are as follows:

Nira Griswold, J. V. Griswold, Robert Curtis, Erwin Curtis, John Griswold, Mervin H. Loomis, Joseph K. Loomis, Mary T. Loomis, Margaretta Loomis, Joseph Woodyshek, Rena Cowperthwaite, Mrs. S. L. Cobb, Augusta Curtis, Laura M. Rude, Edith Wildenstein, Eunice Varcoe, Verna Varcoe, Doris Mead, Sandra Giles, Judy Giles, Helen Giles, Diane Giles, Ralph Giles, Gordon Giles, Charles B. Geuther, Elizabeth Geuther, Shirley Geuther, Carol Geuther, Robert Geuther, Elaine Geuther, Kathryn Geuther, Florence Cooley, Myrtle Curtis, Edith Gardner, Milo Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Bayless, Cheryn Johnson, Jean Bayless, Homer Curtis, Olga Stiles, L. H. Arnold, Mrs. Ethel Geuther, Mrs. Leah Wright, Gertrude Gardner, Rev. Mead, Carrie C. Loomis.

1950

Aug. 16, 1950

The 44th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met at Moosic Grange Hall. A bountiful picnic dinner was enjoyed by 44 members & friends.

The business meeting was called to order by Pres. Gertrude Gardner. All joined in giving Pledge to the Flag and singing America.

Prayer by Mrs. Cobb

Reading of min.

Treas. reported Bal. \$8.37 Coll. 5.73 = 14 10

Bills \$2 for Hall \$3.60 ice cream 1 50 coffee plates napkins Total 7.10. \$14.00 - \$7.00 = \$7.00

Report of Births, Deaths, Marriages by Verna Varcoe as follows:

Births -

Jane Mar. 23 '50 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Cook
Susan Jane Nov. 1949 Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Arnold
Esther Linda July 21, 1950 Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Geuther
Dona Ruth May 1950 Mr. & Mrs. Robt DeWitt
daughter Mr. & Mrs. Carl Pazel

Deaths

Mrs. Cyril Arnold Sept. 1949
Homer B. Curtis Sept. 29, 1949
Milo M. Gardner July 3, 1950

Marriages

Leland Loomis & Betty Staerker Sept 17, 1949
Eunice Varcoe & David Hauenstein Oct. 1, 1949
Russell Arnold & Arlene Smith Oct. 1, 1949
Lloyd Wilmot & Elma Louise
Cyril Arnold & Mrs. Tillie Feb. 25, 1950
Erwin Curtis & LaVerne Planishek June 18, 1950
Darwin Geuther & Florence Edwards June 18, 1950
Beatrice Arnold & G. Carl Spangenberg June 15, 1950
Russell Loomis 1950
Kenneth Blakeslee July 29, 1950

Report of Nom. Com.

Pres. John Rude, Vice Verna Varcoe, Sec. Carrie Loomis Treas. Nira Griswold. The report was accepted.

Program in charge of Marg. Rude.

Rec. Gene Bayliss

Duet - Shirley Geuther Joanna Cobb.

Rec. Carol Bayliss

Rec. Cheryl Johnson

Poem by Laura Rude.

Talk about our forefathers by Augusta Curtis also displayed canteen carried by John Griswold in Rev. war.

Solo by Nira Griswold.

Edith Gardner gave an interesting account of her trip thru New England States.

The following Com. were appointed:

Table - Leah Wright, Ethel Geuther, Mary Loomis and Grace Curtis.

Program - Verna Varcoe

Birth, Deaths, & Marriages Augusta Curtis

Closed by singing "God Be With You"

Carrie C. Loomis, Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1950 are as follows:

Olga J. Stiles, Carol Geuther, John Griswold, J. V. Griswold, Henry Curtis, Grace S. Curtis, Niles Curtis, Dwight Rude, Margaret Rude, Fred Rude, Mervin Loomis, Augusta Curtis, Laura M. Rude, Rena Cowperthwaite, Lois N. Curtis, Jessie K. Rude, John R. Rude, Joanna R. Cobb, Mrs. S. L. Cobb, Edith Gardner, Leah Wright, Louise Stiles, Boby Stiles, Danny Stiles, Davy Stiles, Milo Gardner, Gertrude Gardner, Ethel Geuther, Carol Bayless, Cheryn Louise Johnson, Mrs. Henry Bayless, Robert DeWitt, Jr., Henry L. Bayless, Jean Bayless, Mary Loomis, Margaretta Loomis, Joseph Loomis, Louise Shaffer, Doris Mead, Rebekah Mead, Verna Varcoe, Carrie C. Loomis, Shirley Geuther.

1951

Aug. 15 - 1951

The 45th annual reunion met at Moosic Grange Hall for a covered dish dinner 53 were present.

The business meeting was called to order by Pres. John Rude.

All joined in singing America, accompanied by Kathryn Bartholomay.

Aunt Augusta offered in prayer.

Min. of 1950 were read.

Coll. was taken of 7.05

Treas. reported Bal. \$7

Bills of 7.20 leaving Bal. \$6.85.

The following program was given:

Song "On Top of Old Smoky" girls chorus.

Duet, piano & violin by Clara Ferrell & Shirley Geuther.

Song by the children

Rec. Carol Geuther

Solo - Jean Oliver

Rec. Jean Bayliss

" Carol "

Piano Duet - Janice Stiles, Nira Griswold

Solo - "Drifting" Janice Stiles

Reading "The Old Man and Jim: He was ??? and so was I" Margaret Rude

Rec. "The Bear" - Aunt Augusta

Report - Marriages
Patricia Curtis & Presley Lawrence Oct 1950
Gordon G. Hawley & Louise Mills June 16, 1951
Phylliss Oliver and Albert Donat Sept. 1950
Robert Brown & Esther Schreck July 1951
Deaths
Evelyn Wright Manaton Mar. 1951
Births
Nancy Lynn Oct. 2, 1950 to Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hauenstein
James Larry Nov. 22, 1950 Mr. & Mrs. David Hauenstein
Raymond Leland Oct 11, 1950 Mr. & Mrs. Leland Loomis
James Jan 11, 1951 Mr. & Mrs. James Dolan
Daniel Mar. 4, 1951 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Curtis
Ronald Paul June 25, 1951 Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Curtis
Wm. Leonard Apr. 11, 1951 Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Stiles
son Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Osborne
son Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Corey
Thomas May, 1951 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Donato
Sandra Jane May, 1951 Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Oliver
The meeting closed by singing "God Be With You"
Carrie C. Loomis - Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1951 are as follows:
Myrtle W. Curtis, Verna C. Varcoe, Augusta Curtis, Laura M. Rude, Gertrude Gardner, Edith Gardner, Rena Cowperthwaite, J. V. Griswold, Nira Griswold, Jean Oliver, Janice Stiles, Rev. S. L. Cobb, Louise Stiles, Danny Stiles, Davy Stiles, Bobby Stiles, William Stiles, Margaret Rude, Joseph Loomis, Margretta Loomis, Mary Loomis, Dolores Remsen, Beatrice Bartholomay, Edith Wildenstein, Carol Bayless, Cheryen Louise Johnson, John Griswold, Charles D. Curtis, Mrs. H. L. Bayless, Robert DeWitt, Jr., Mrs. Arthur Curtis, Kathryn Bartholomay, L. H. Arnold, Niles Curtis, Leslie La Barre, Henry H. Schaffer, Gertrude L. Schaffer, G. Louise Schaffer, H. David Schaffer, Carol V. Schaffer, Jean Katherine Bayless, Dona Ruth De Witt, Doris Mead, Rebekah Mead, Ethel Geuther, Grace S. Curtis, Leah Wright, Carrie Loomis, Shirley Geuther, Clara Terrel, Carol Geuther.

1952
Aug 20, 1952 Moosic Grange Hall
44 members and friends gathered for a bountiful covered dish dinner.
The business meeting was called to order by V. Pres Verna Varcoe.
All joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie"
Mrs. Cobb led in prayer
The min. of 1951 were read
Treas reported Bal. 6.85 Bills \$2 Hall, \$4.40
Ice cream .75 plates ordered paid. Coll. 7.57 Bal. for next year \$7.27
Report of Birth, Death and Marriages
James Donato May 1952 to Mr. & Mrs. Albert Donato
Audrey Ruth Mar. 9, 1952 to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schaffer
Stephen Laurence Nov. 9, 1951 to Mr. & Mrs. Leland Loomis
Esther Jane Apr 13, 1952 to Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hauenstein
Rexanne Lou May 13, 1952 to Mr. & Mrs. Rexford Arnold
Roxanne Laurence Sept. 20, 1952 to Mr. & Mrs. Pres. Laurence
daughter Mr. & Mrs. (Esther Patey) Fosburg
son Mr. & Mrs. Wm Norton
son Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Walker
daughter Mr. & Mrs. John Oleinik
son Oct 10 Mr. & Mrs. Wm Bartholomay
marriages
Geo W. Curtis & Jean N. Boyd Apr 19, 1952
John Griswold & Doris Gibbs June 14, 1952
Deaths
Elwin Norton
Robert Fish
Election of officers
Pres. John Griswold
V. " Henry Bayliss
Sec. C. Loomis
Treas. Nira Griswold
Program
Girls Cho. Swanee River Jean & Carol Bayliss
Janice Stiles, Carol Geuther
Skit "Wet Wash" John & Doris Griswold
Piano Solo "Parade of Flowers" - Janice Stiles
Rec. "The Monkey's View Pt." Louise Schaffer
Solo "The Mumps" - Niles Curtis
Rec. Eulogy of the Old Wedding Hat
Aunt Augusta
Rec. The Bug Marg. Rude
Table Com. Marg. Rude Louise Stiles
Myrtle Curtis Louise Bayliss
Program - Mary Loomis, Doris Griswold
Jessie Rude.
B. D. & M. Verna Varcoe, Mrs. Leah Wright
Rena Cowperthwaite
Closing Song "God Be With Yor."

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1952 are as follows:
Louise Schaffer, David Schaffer, Carol Schaffer, Audrey Schaffer, Gertrude Schaffer, Mrs. Edgar Stiles, William Stiles, Robert Stiles, Davy Stiles, Doris Mead, Rebekah Mead, Janice Stiles, Charles Curtis, Henry Curtis, Edith Wildenstein, Rena Cowperthwaite, Verna C. Varcoe, Myrtle W. Curtis, Laura M. Rude, Mervin Loomis, Joseph Loomis, Mary Loomis, Margretta Loomis, Louisa Corey Bayless, Doris Gibbs Griswold, John Griswold, Nira Griswold, J. V. Griswold, Niles Curtis, Carol Geuther, Elaine Geuther, Jean Bayless, Carol Bayless, Cheryn Johnson, Henry L. Bayless, Joanna Gillow, Gladys Cobb, Augusta Curtis, Olga Stiles, Grace S. Curtis, Leah Wright, C. Loomis, Ethel Geuther, Margaret Rude.

1953
47th. Reunion
The 47th reunion of the descendants of John & Elizabeth Griswold met Aug. 19 1953 at the Moosic Grange Hall for a covered dish dinner 57 were present.
The business meeting was called to order by Pres. John Griswold
All joined in singing America
Prayer by Aunt Augusta
Min. of 1952 read.
Treas reported Bal. \$7.27
Bills Table Com. 5.40
1.87
Coll. 7.69
9.56
Program -
Piano Solo - Carol Geuther
Rec. - Niles Curtis
Girls Cho. - Alphabet Song
Rec. - Rebecca Mead
Piano & Violin Duet - Carol & Shirley Geuther
Song - Danny & Wm. Stiles
Song - Kathryn & Elaine Geuther
Baton Twirling by Carol Geuther
Births
Russell Curtis June 23, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Johnson
Leonard Roy July 15, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. David Hauenstein, Jr.
Nancy Aug. 21, 1952 Mr. & Mrs. Lester Cook
Joann May 15, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Rickinson
Son June 1, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. Forsburg
Bruce Alvin Jan. 1, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. Leland Loomis
Ronald Sept. 26, 1952 Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Geuther
Marie Feb. 21, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Corey
Richard Gordon Mar. 18, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Hawley, Jr.
Dwight Wm. Mar. 24, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. John Rude
Carl June 14, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Curtis
Deaths
Chas Beeman July 21, 1951
Mrs. Francis H. Curtis Jr. Jan. 31, 1953
Marriages
Myra Arnold & Malcolm McDonald May 30, 1953
Dorothy Geuther & Norman Brunt May 23, 1953
Virginia Rude & P. Clark Hungerford Oct. 11, 1952
Closed by singing "God Be With You"
Carrie C. Loomis
Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1953 are as follows:
Mrs. Laura M. Rude, Doris Griswold, John Griswold, Mary Loomis, Margretta Loomis, Joseph Loomis, Rena Cowperthwaite, Florence Curtis, Patricia C. Lawrence, Roxanne Lawrence, Rebekah Mead, Doris Mead, Sandra Giles, Verna Varcoe, Eunice Hauenstein, Nancy Hauenstein, Esther Hauenstein, Mervin Loomis, Olga Stiles, Carol Bayless, Mrs. Betty Loomis, Stephen Loomis, Raymond Loomis, Bruce Loomis, Joseph Loomis, Augusta Curtis, Cheryn Johnson, Jean Bayless Cooley, Davy Stiles, Robert Stiles, Janice Stiles, Kathryn Stiles, Elaine Geuther, Carol Geuther, Niles Curtis, J. V. Griswold, E. H. Varcoe, Henry Curtis, Denis Unger, Hobart Curtis, Wayne Perham, John Gardner, Charles Snyder, Gertrude Gardner, Edith Gardner, Shirley Geuther, Mrs. Wildenstein, Leah Wright, Ethel Geuther, Margaret Rude, Carrie Loomis, Grace Curtis, Louisa Bayless, H. L. Bayless, Donna Ruth De Witt, Nira Griswold, Myrtle Curtis.

1954
The 48th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met Aug 18 at the Moosic Grange Hall for a covered dish dinner 48 were present.
The business meeting was called to order by V. Pres. Henry Bayliss
All joined in singing America
Prayer by Aunt Augusta followed by The Lords Prayer.
Min. of 1953 were read and approved.
Treas report of \$9.56 read and approved.
Bills of \$2 Hall \$6.40 were read and ordered pd.
Coll. \$8.28 Bal. \$9.44
The following officers were elected
Pres. Henry Bayliss
V. " Henry Curtis
Sec. Carrie Loomis
Treas. Nira Griswold
Verna Varcoe reported the following
Births
Karen Jean Aug 30, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Geuther
Chas. Frederick Sept. 28, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. John Griswold
Stephen James Dec. 23, 1953 Mr. & Mrs. Norman Brunt
Deborah Ann Feb. 22, 1954 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Cook
Dwight Franklin Mar. 5, 1954 Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hauenstein
Alan Lloyd Apr. 22, 1954 Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Curtis
Caroline Margaret June 20, 1954 Mr. & Mrs. John Rude
Beth Anne June 17, 1954 Mr. & Mrs. J. Sochan
Deaths
John V. Griswold July 23, 1954
Marriages
Bryce Blair & Nancy Truckenmiller Mar. 26 54
The following program was given
Music "Love Divine" & "Rock of Ages" by Shirley with violin & Carol Geuther piano.
Music "It is No Secret" Carol Geuther on cornet accompanied by Margaret Rude piano.
Trio - "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"
Carol with cornet, Shirley violin & Margaret Rude piano.
Piano solo Cheryn Johnston
Baton twirling by Carol Geuther
Song - Elaine & Kathryn Geuther - "For God So Loved the World"
Song - "Doggie in the Window" Danny, Davey & Bobby Stiles - encore, accompanied by Janice Stiles.
The following committees are appointed
Table - Grace Curtis, Leah Wright & E. Gardner
Birth, Deaths & Marriages, Verna Varcoe
Program - Nira Griswold, Shirley Geuther and Janice Stiles.
All joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."
Carrie C. Loomis, Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1954 are as follows:
Olga J. Stiles, Charles Snyder, Gertrude Gardner, Mark Kenyon, Ellen Gardner, Henry Curtis, Romanne Lawrence, Mervin Loomis, Rena Cowperthwaite, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Schillinger, Charles and Elizabeth Geuther, Elizabeth Jones, Mahala Loomis, Augusta Curtis, Laura M. Rude, Louisa Bayless, Dona Ruth De Witt, Davy Stiles, Niles Curtis, Gordon Giles, Leah Wright, Doris Mead, Rebekah Mead, Bobby Stiles, James Stiles, Kathryn Geuther, Carol Geuther, Shirley Geuther, Elaine Geuther, Margretta Loomis, Joseph Loomis, Mary Loomis, Arthur B. Corey, Grace I. Carey De Wolfe, Edith Gardner, Henry L. Bayless, Cheryn Johnson, Robert De Witt, Jr., Allen C. De Wolfe, Robert Geuther, Daniel E. Stiles, Mr. & Mrs. J. V. Griswold, Charles F. Griswold, Ellen Gardner, Edith Gardner, Janet Ritchie, Jeanne Bayless, Donna Ruth De Witt, Henry L. Bayless, Shirley Geuther, Charles B. Geuther, Alvin Loomis, Ensign Varcoe, Henry Curtis, Roxanne Lawrence, Mervin Loomis, Daniel E. Stiles, Robert Geuther, Niles Curtis, Margaret Rude, Carolyn Rude, Marjorie Rude Cook, Gerald Cook, Barbara Cook, Susan Cook, Deborah Cook Belva Cook, Johnie Cook, Lester Cook, Laura M. Rude, Augusta G. Curtis, Mrs. Louisa Bayless, Olga Stiles, Robert Stiles, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Schillinger, Rena Cowperthwaite, Carole Lambert, Jeanie Oliver, Mrs. Fred Oliver, Mrs. E. H. Varcoe, Joseph K. Loomis, Carrie C. Loomis, Mary Theresa Loomis, Margretta Loomis, Carol Bayless, Carol Geuther, Robert De Witt, Robert Stiles, Elaine Geuther, Cheryn Johnson, Esther Geuther, Wilmer Oliver, Jennie Oliver, Patricia Lawrence, Niles Curtis, Grace S. Curtis.

1955
The 49 annual reunion of the John & Elizabeth Griswold family met for a basket dinner at Moosic G. Hall 55 were present.
The business meeting was called to order by Pres. Henry Bayless.
All joined in singing America
Rev Schillinger offered prayer.
Min. were read and approved.
Tres. reported Bal. of \$9.44
Coll. was taken 10.60
\$20.04
7.00
Bal. \$13.04
Bills \$2 Hall 7.00 ref. ordered pd.
The following program was given by Shirley Geuther Trio "Bless This House" Shirley & Carol Geuther & Nira Griswold
Rec. "Oh" Margaret Rude
Song by Elaine Geuther Cheryl Bayless Belva & Bobby Cook.
Duet "Why?" Shirley & Carol Geuther
Reading - "A letter" Jean Bayless
Aunt Laura Rude gave recollections of her youth closing with song "Jesus Savior Pilot Me."
Piano solo - Cheryl Johnson
Duet "Over the Rainbow" Shirley & Carol Geuther
Song by Elaine, Esther, Belva, Roxanne, Bobby & John.
The report of Verna Varcoe read -
Births
d. Linda Sue Mr. & Mrs. Clark Hungerford Sept 7, 1954
s. Jeffry Paul to Mr. & Mrs. Geo. W. Curtis Sept. 25, 1954
d. Karen Mr. & Mrs. Russell Arnold Nov. 11, 1954
s. David John Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gossburg Dec. 28, 1954
s. Russell Michael Mr. & Mrs. Leland Loomis Mar. 24, 1955
s. Michael Gregg Mr. & Mrs. Norman Brundt (Dorothy Geuther) Apr. 8, 1955
s. Russell Robert Mr. & Mrs. Robert Curtis Apr 26, 1955
s. Paul Mervin to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schaffer June 1, 1955
d. Deborah Eva Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Mead Nov. 11, 1954
s. Howard Curtis Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Bartholomay May 27, 1955
s. Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Arnold Aug. 13, 1955
Marriages
Joyce Curtis to Chas Van Amburg Oct. 23, 1954
Robert Curtis to Eliz. Houman Dec. 4, 1954
B. Milo Gardner to Eliz. Holbert Jan 1955
Deaths
Ora Loomis Russell Nov. 18, 1954
Mrs. Marion Loomis Apr 14, 1955
James Powell Mar. 22, 1955
Mrs. Galen Gaylord Apr 8, 1955
Maj. Rev. Gordon G. Hawley June 15, 1955
The meeting closed by singing "God Be With You"
Carrie C. Loomis, Sec.

1956
The 50th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall for a bountiful dinner, 49 were present.
The business meeting was called to order by pres. Henry Bayless.
All joined in singing America
Rev. Schillinger led in prayer.
Min of '55 were read
Treas. reported Bal of \$13.04
Collection of \$11.71 was rec'd.
Bills - Hall \$2 refreshments 5.36 ordered paid.
\$13.04
11.71
\$24.75
5.36
\$19.36 Bal.
2.00
\$17.39 Bal.
Election of officers
Pres. Henry Bayless
V. Pres. J. Vance Griswold
Sec. C. Loomis
Treas. Nira Griswold

Committees to be same as last year.
The program was in charge of Nira Griswold
Theme "The Family and All in It"
Poem - The Family - Nira Griswold
Poem - What Home Is - Janice Stiles
Song Blue Ribbon Band by Belva Cook accompanied by Cora Sue Cook
An Exercise T.V. on Home Work by 6 children
Song. The Bible Tells Me So, Sung by Bobby and Billy Stokes acc. by Janice Stiles
Piano Solo by Cheryn Johnson
Piano Duet Salute to the Colors Cheryl Johnson Marie Narinisch
Rec. To Mother Esther Geuther
Solo Darling you cant love one Margretta Loomis
Poem Hunting with Dad Danny Stiles
Solo Not my Father or Mother but its Me Oh Lord Sandy Feets
Skit. It Happens in the best of Families
Cora Sue Cook & Niles Curtis
Song "How the Family Grew" Cho.
Guessing game
Stunt The Curious Traveler
Poem Little Towns B. Bartholomay
Song He Cho.
Remarks by Rev Schillinger
Song "Till We Meet Again"
Report of Verna Varcoe
Births
Robert to Mr. & Mrs. Milo Gardner Sept 21, 1955
Deborah Ann Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm MacDonald Oct 30, 1955 son
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Spangenberg Dec 6, 1955
Richard John to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Cook Feb. 22, 1956 d.
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Arnold Mar 17, 1956
Eric Chas. Mr. & Mrs. Edward Curtis Apr. 2, 1956
Nancy Jo Mr. & Mrs. Clark Hungerford Apr. 18, 1956
Wm. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Curtis May 11, 1956
Craig Richard Mr. & Mrs. Geo. W. Curtis June 7, 1956
Barry Mr. & Mrs. Ken Johnson Aug. 1955
Craig Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Cooley Nov. 1955
Lizabeth Mr. & Mrs. Neil Oliver Apr 12, 1956
Robert Mr. & Mrs. Albert Donato Jan. 3, 1956
Marriages
Patricia Needham to
Joan Needham to
Barbara Gelder to David Kelly June 23, 1956
Susan Geuther to Arthur Rose June 1956
Death
Augusta G. Curtis (94) July 13, 1956
A tribute to Aunt Augusta by Verna Varcoe.
Song "God Be With You"
Closed by benediction.

Carrie C. Loomis

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1956 are as follows:

Carrie C. Loomis, M. H. Loomis, Margretta Loomis, Beatrice Bartholomay, Rena Cowperthwaite, Florence Curtis Cooley, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. R. Schillinger, (Sandy Teets), Elaine Geuther, Kathryn Geuther, Esther Geuther, Donna De Witt, Janice Stiles, Bobby Stiles, Billy Stiles, Nancy Lee Cook, Cora Sue Cook, Edith Gardner, Mark E. Griswold, Mrs. Laura M. Rude, Olga Stiles, Louisa Corey Bayless, Henry L. Bayless, Carol Bayless, Marie Marinchick, John Cook, Belva Cook, Rebekah Mead, Debbie Mead, Mildred Wright La Barre, Leslie A. La Barre, Nira Griswold, J. Vance Griswold, Lester Cook, David Stiles, Niles Curtis, Davy Stiles, Ethel Geuther, Verna Varcoe, Louisa Stiles, Leah Wright, Gertrude Gardner.

1957

The 51st annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth family met at Moosic Grange Hall for a bountiful dinner Wed. Aug 21. Forty-one signed the roll.
The business meeting was called to order by Pres. Henry Bayless.

All joined in singing "America" acc. by Janice Stiles.
Rev. Schillinger offered prayer.
Min. of '56 were read and approved.
Treas. report Bal. 17.39 Bills of \$3.60 \$3.56 & \$5 = \$12.16 ordered pd. Coll. 10.40 recd. Leaving a bal. \$15.63

Report of Births, Deaths & Marriages
Patricia Ann Sept. 25, 1956 to Mr. & Mrs. John Rude son
Oct. 6, 1956 to Mr. & Mrs. Harold Treat dau.
Feb. 26, 1957 to Mr. & Mrs. Milo Gardner
Debby Ann May 19, 1957 to Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Geuther son
June 16, 1957 to Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Arnold
Timothy Allen June 26, 1957 to Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Curtis
Christina July 19, 1957 to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kazak
Catherine Suzanne July 25, 1957 to Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Rude

Jean Marie to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Curtis
Glinda Gay 1957 to Betty & James Weeden
Mary Arlene 1956 to Robert & Marian Ewing
Steven Paul 1956 to Paul & Genevieve Ewing
Jody Pauline 1956 to Gary & Sally Ewing
Ricky Mr. & Mrs. Bryce Blair
Neal Robert, Gordon Neal twins Mr. & Mrs. Robert Oliver

Marriages
Frederick Rude & Ruth Ann Schnell Aug. 25, 1956
Kathryn Bartholomay & Wm. Forster Oct. 13, 1956
Nina Geuther & Walter Kazak Nov. 24, 1956
Mary Lou Oliver & Michael Flannigan 1957

Deaths
C. Rexford Arnold Sept. 12, 1956
Arthur B. Cory Mar. 15, 1957
The Program Committee, Nira Griswold Ch. gave the following program -
Solo "Thanks to God" by Donna Dolan
Piano Solo "Endearing Young Charms" Cheryn Johnson
Songs "Love Letter in the Sand" "A White Sport Coat"
"Teenage Romance" Cho. - Cheryn Johnson, Belva Cook, Margretta L., Donna Dolan, Cora Cook, Kathryn Geuther, Roxanne Lawrence, Acc. Janice Stiles
Skit "First Anniversary" Kathryn Geuther as Mrs. New, John Cook as Mr. New, Cora Cook as waitress
Song "Jesus Calls Us" & "Jesus Loves Every Boy and Girl" sung by Bobbie & Billy Stiles

Piano Solo - A Medley - Cora Sue Cook
Original Poem "When I Broke My Hip" by Laura Rude read by Nira Griswold
Piano Solo "Around the World" by James Stiles
Remarks by Francis Curtis Jr.
Remarks by Rev. Schillinger
Song "He" Girl's Cho.
Closed by singing "God Be With You."
Benediction Rev. Schillinger

Carrie C. Loomis Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1957 are as follows:

Mary Theresa Loomis, Donna Lee Dolan, Margretta Loomis, James Dolan, Bernice Dolan, Roxanne Lawrence, Henry Curtis, Raymond Loomis, Mervin Loomis, Alvin Loomis, Rena Cowperthwaite, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Schillinger, J. V. Griswold, Nira Griswold, F. H. Curtis, Jr., Beatrice Bartholomay, Louisa Corey Bayless, Olga Stiles, Leah Wright, Kathy Geuther, Cheryn Johnson, Donna De Witt, Belva June Cooke, Janice Stiles, Nancy Cook, Cora Lee Cook, Debbie Mead, Doris Mead, John Cook, Robert Stiles, Louise Stiles, William Stiles, Ethel Geuther, Florence Cooley, Russell Johnson, Barry Johnson, Carrie C. Loomis, Verna C. Varcoe, Grace S. Curtis, Henry L. Bayless.

1958

The 52nd annual reunion was called to order by Nira Griswold acting pres.
All joined in singing America
Mrs. Shear offered prayer
Min. of 1957 were read.

Treas. report Bal. 15.63 Coll. 8.02 Bills 3.56 3.00 ref. \$5 rent leaving bal. 12.09
Election of officers
Pres. Henry Bayless
V. " J. Vance Griswold
Sec. Carrie C. Loomis
Treas. Nira Griswold
Song followed by prayer by Rev. Shear.
Program Cora Sue Cook ch.
Duet "Whispering Hope" Marg. Rude & Mrs. Shear
Poem by Chas. Griswold
Piano solo "When the Light Faint" Belva Cook
Duet - Roxanne Lawrence & Nancy Cook
Quiz. "My Flower Garden"
Trio "Blue Moon" Carol Geuther, Cora Sue & Belva Cook.

Song "When You and I were Young Maggie"
Rev. Schillinger made a few remarks on "The Summer is ended and we are not saved" Jer 8:20
All joined in singing "God Be With You"
Rev. Shear pronounced the benediction
41 were present for dinner
Births.

Michael Stephen Nov. 27, 1957 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Rose
Richard Erwin Dec. 10, 1957 Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Curtis
Barbara Lynn Feb. 27, 1958 Mr. & Mrs. Chas. VanAmburg
Catherine June 17, 1958 Mr. & Mrs. Glen Arnold
Christopher June 25, 1958 Mr. & Mrs. Henry G. Curtis Jr.
Nancy Feb. 23, 1958 Mr. & Mrs. Milo Gardner
Sharon Oct 19, 1957 Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Forster
Debra Jo July 14, 1958 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Sochan
Synthia Leah May 30, 1958 Mr. & Mrs. David Gager

Marriages

Henry G. Curtis Jr. to Susanne Lapatofsky Sept. 28, 1957
Gertrude Gardner to Chas. Snyder Apr. 4, 1958
Norman Kern to Margaret Inman Aug. 2, 1958
Carroll Curtis to Virginia Uhl Aug. 16, 1958
Glen Arnold Dec. 10, 1957
Maribel Arnold to Raymond Bodick 1958

Deaths.

Mrs. Arthur Corey Mar. 2, 1958
Mrs. Arthur Curtis Mar. 21, 1958
Mrs. Edgar Graham Apr. 1, 1958
Mrs. Rena Cowperthwaite May 3, 1958

Carrie C. Loomis, Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1958 are as follows:

H. L. Bayless, Mervin H. Loomis, Mary T. Loomis, Margretta Loomis, Raymond Loomis, Stephen Loomis, Russell Loomis, Bruce Loomis, Edith Gardner, Bobby Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Snyder, Margaret Rude, Beatrice Bartholomay, Ethel Geuther, Lois Loomis, J. Vance Griswold, Charles Griswold, Nira R. Griswold, Roxanne Lawrence, Olga Stiles, Louisa Corey Bayless, Cheryn Johnson Bayless, Donna De Witt Bayless, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Schillinger, John Cook, Susan Cook, Nancy Lee Cook, Cora Sue Cook, Carol Geuther, Belva June Cook, Kathryn Geuther, Rev. & Mrs. Philip Shea and children, Betty Loomis, Verna C. Varcoe, Carrie C. Loomis, Grace Curtis, Leah Wright.

1959

Aug. 19 1959

The 53rd reunion met for a basket dinner on Wed. Aug 33 members were present.
Henry Bayless pres. called the meeting to order.
All joined in singing America followed by the Lord's Prayer.

A collection of \$8.01 was taken Bills of \$7.07 for refreshments and \$5 for Hall were ordered paid.
Treas. report. Bal. of \$8.03
Election of officers
Pres. Henry Bayless
V. " J. Vance Griswold
Sec. Carrie Loomis
Treas. Nira Griswold
Table Com. Grace Curtis, Leah Wright and Edith Gardner.

Births, Deaths, Marriages, Verna Varcoe
Program, Nira Griswold, Belva Cook, Sheryn Johnson and Elaine Geuther.

The following program was presented -
Theme Arbor Day
History of Arbor Day Edith Gardner
Piano Solo "The Doll Ball" Donna De Witt
Rec. "Trees I Know" -- Belva Cook
Rec. "A Christmas Tree Farm" -- Roxann Laurence
Song "Jesus Loves Me" -- by the children
Game "Trees" by all
Piano Duet "Orange Blossoms" Sheryn Johnson
Robert De Witt
Reading "The Tree Toad" Nira Griswold
Rec. "I can plant a Tree" Nancy Cook
Solo - "I'm a Bear" Karen Geuther
Piano Solo - "Faries Harp" Ronnie Geuther
"Trees" by Joyce Kilmer read by Cheryn Johnson
Tree Quiz by all

Reading "The Crows in the Trees" Elaine Geuther
"Children's Marching Song" Children
Verna Varcoe reported the following

Births

s. to Mr. & Mrs. David B. Kelly Dec. 20, 1958
William Scott Apr. 9, 1959 Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Forester
Matthew to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Curtis Jr. May 30, 1959
Raymond Jr. to Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Bodick Nov 29, 1958
d. to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Treat Aug. 6, 1959
Beth Clarkson Mr. & Mrs. Clark Hungerford Aug. 18, 1959
Kathy to Mr. & Mrs. Claude Manaton Mar. 1959
Elaine Rae to Mr. & Mrs. Ken Johnson May 13, 1959

Marriages

Allyn Bartholomay & Joan Fries Dec. 27, 1958
Marjorie Oliver & Gerald Flood Apr 4, 1959
Francis H. Curtis III & Ann Louise Frantz July 4, 1959
Carol Geuther & Clarence Kilmer July 5, 1959
Allen De Wolf & Lillian Saperalla Nov 25, 1958
Laverne LaBarre to Robert Kunn Aug. 7, 1959

Deaths

LeRoy B. Loomis Dec. 25, 1958
Lyndon P. Haven Jan. 1959
JoAnn Rickinson July 17, 1959
Alta Beaman July 22, 1959
Closed by Singing "God Be With You"

Carrie C. Loomis, Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1959 are as follows:

Carrie C. Loomis, Roxanne Lawrence, Henry Curtis, Sr., Raymond Loomis, Bruce Loomis, Russell Loomis, Betty Loomis, Mervin Loomis, Florence Curtis Cooley, Glen Johnson, Warren Johnson, Grace Curtis, Verna Varcoe, Leah Wright, Ethel Geuther, Karen Geuther, Ronnie Geuther, Esther Geuther, Donna De Witt, H. L. Bayless, Robert De Witt, Edith Gardner, Charles Snyder, Gertrude Snyder, Louisa Corey Bayless, Nancy Lee Cook, Belva June Cook, Cheryn Johnson, Elaine Geuther, Nira Rehbein Griswold, Charles Griswold, J. V. Griswold.

1960

The 54th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met at Moosic Grange Hall for a basket dinner which was greatly enjoyed.

The business was called to order by Henry Bayless.
All joined in singing America followed by Lord's Prayer.

The min of 1959 were read.
Treas. reported Bal \$8.03
Bills of \$7.30 for ref. & 5 Hall rent were ordered pad. Coll. of \$7.43 was rec. Bal \$3.16 + Ice Cream 79 = 3.95

Election of officers
Pres. J. Vance Griswold
V. " Mervin Loomis
Sec. Carrie Loomis
Treas. Henry Bayless
Report of Birth, Deaths & Marriages
Robert Slifer Sep 14, 1959 to Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Rude
Rexford Claron Sept 24/59 Mr. & Mrs. Claron Arnold
David Allen Oct 31, 1959 Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Barnes
James Mark Dec. 27, 1959 to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schaffer
Kevin Allen Mar. 3, 1960 Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Kilmer
Mark Edward Mar. 20, 1960 to Mr. & Mrs. Geo. W. Curtis
Leonard John May 9, 1960 Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Curtis
Jeffrey Scott June 15, 1960 Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Curtis

Marriages -

Jean Bayless & James Widemyer Oct 5, 1959
Samuel M. Curtis Joan Louise Brenneman Aug 6, 1960

Deaths

Mrs. Stephen Treat Aug. 21, 1959
Mr. Stephen Geuther Sept 15, 1959
Mr. John Cook Jan 19, 1960
Russell Wildenstein Feb. 25, 1960
Mrs. Laura Curtis Rude May 31, 1960
Program Nira Griswold in charge.
Theme - "Pets"
Poem, "The Animal Store" by Donna De Witt
Poem "My Gold Fish" Dwight Rude
Poem "4 Little Cats" Nancy Cook
Poem "Pussy Cat" by Donna Dolan, Donna DeWitt, Nancy Cook and Roxanne Lawrence
Poem "The Calico Cat" by Jimmy Dolan
Poem "A Little Bear" Raymond Loomis
Poem "Neighbor's Pets" Roxanne Lawrence
Song "Pupper" Raymond L. Jimmy D.
Chas G. and Dwight Rude
Reading "Henny Penny" Chas. Griswold
Song "A Round" by all.
Song "Old McDonald" by the children
Song "Frogs" by Donna De Witt
Reading "To the Man Who Killed My Dog" by Nira
Song "Old Dog Tray" all
Song "What's the Matter with Father"
Reunion closed by singing "God Be With You"
Comm Table Louise Bayless Gertrude Snyder Pearl Cook
Births etc. Verna Varcoe
Program Bernice Dolan Marg. Rude

Carrie C. Loomis Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1960 are as follows:

Nira R. Griswold, Charles Griswold, J. Vance Griswold, Raymond L. Loomis, Dwight Rude, Louisa Corey Bayless, Bernice Dolan, Carrie C. Loomis, Mary Theresa Loomis, Mervin Loomis, Edith Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snyder, Henry L. Bayless, Margaret Rude, Donna De Witt, Donna Lee Dolan, Roxanne Leslie Lawrence, Nancy Lee Cook, Pearl Cook, Ethel Geuther, Grace Curtis, James Dolan.

1961

Aug 1961

The 55th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold met at Moosic Grange Hall for a basket dinner. 34 were present.

Mervin Loomis V. pres. presiding.
All joined in singing America with Belva Cook pianist.
Treas. reported. Bal. 11.55 expenses ref. \$3.84
Hall 5. Coll. \$3.95 leaving a Bal. \$6.66
Program in charge of Bernice Dolan
Song America the Beautiful
Group singing Dwight, Pat and Caroline Rude, Debra Mead and Nancy Cook

Reading "What To Do" by Jimmy Dolan
Group singing Donna and Jimmy Dolan, Stephen Loomis, Margretta and Joe Loomis.
Reading by Chas. Griswold
Solo Donna Dolan
Remarks by Claude and Lavange Arnold and Francis Curtis
Verna Varcoe reported the following
Marriages
Wm. Arnold to Eleanor Paaana May 14 - '60
Sandra Giles to Gerald LaPoint June 22 '60
Kenneth Treat to Mary Van Brunt Dec 31 '60
Darwin Brudos to Eleanor Korafeld Feb. 3 '61
Niles Curtis to Nancy Michaels Feb. 18 1961
Fay Arnold to Peter Sosenko May 8, 1961
Grace Bayless to Melvin Short Aug 12 1961
Births
s. David to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Rose Sept 23 '60
son Daniel to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Curtis Jr Dec 6 '60
son Jamie Scott to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Treat Dec. 26, 1960
d. Ruth Lorraine to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Curtis Dec 29 1960
s. Kevin Gerard to Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kern Apr 8, 1961
s. Curt Lee to Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Van Amburg May 23 1961
s. Mark Edward to Mr. & Mrs. Darwyn Geuther July 28, 1961
twins Brian Gerald & Beth Ann to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald La Point Nov. 1, 1961
d. Kimberly Ann to Mr. & Mrs. Claude Manaton Nov. 6, 1960
d. Christine to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Pieszala (Jacqueline Wright) Feb. 27 '61
d. Maelynn to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Arnold July 14 1961
s. Robert Joseph to Mr. & Mrs. Duane Cox July 31 1960
d. Trina Marie to Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Wilmot Dec 27 1960
d. Ronnie Lynn to Mr. & Mrs. Roland Sickler Apr 15, 1961
Deaths
Irene Curtis Norton Mar. 16, 1961
The meeting closed by singing "God Be With You."

Carrie C. Loomis
Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1961 are as follows:

Henry L. Bayless, Louisa M. Bayless, Edith Gardner, Gertrude G. Snyder, Carolyn Rude, Margaret R. Rude, Patricia R. Rude, Dwight W. Rude, Mervin H. Loomis, Russell Loomis, Steve Loomis, James F. Dolan, Bernice Dolan, F. H. Curtis, Jr., Charles Griswold, Donna Dolan, Margretta Loomis, Kenneth Loomis, Mary T. Loomis, Joseph Loomis, Alice C. Williams, Leah Wright, Carrie C. Loomis, La Vange Arnold, Ensign Varcoe, Lester Cook, Belva Cook, Nancy Cook, Debbie Mead, Doris Mead, Pearl Cook, Claude Arnold.

1962

Aug. 15, 1962
The 56th annual reunion met at Moosic Grange Hall for a bountiful picnic dinner 32 were present. After which the business meeting was called to order by J. Vance Griswold president.
All joined in singing America followed by the Lord's Prayer.
The min. of 1961 were read.
Mrs. Bayless reported the Bal. in Treas. \$6.66, Coll. of 8.17 was taken. Bills for Hall & refreshments \$10.09 leaving Bal. \$4.74.
A motion was made and sec. to reelect all officers. Carried.
Com to be same with Leah Wright alternate for ch.
Motion made and sec. to hold reunion on 4th Wed if Fair conflicts with 3rd Wed.
Verna reported
Births -
James Howard Nov 3 '61 Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Barnes
David Dec 12 '61 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Curtis Jr
Paul Feb. 1962 Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Wilbur Curtis
Wayne Roger Mar. 2, 1962 Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Curtis
John Remsen Mar. 29, 1962 Mr. & Mrs. John Rude
Gregory May 1962 Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kern
Joel Mark June 8 '62 Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Kilmer
Wm. Walter May 29 62 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kozak
Rodney Kenneth July 1 '62 Mr. & Mrs. Leland Loomis
Nancy Ann Feb. 24 '62 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kuhn
Mary Rose Oct 4, 1961 Mr. & Mrs. Glen Arnold
Brenda Gail Nov. 18, 1961 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Warren
June Ann Apr 18, 1962 Mr. & Mrs. Duane Cox
Terri July 1961 Mr. & Mrs. Dale Treat
Frank K. Mr. & Mrs. Douglass Blair
Kathryn Hansen
Marriages
Marilyn Kay Cook to Wallace E. Ludwig Aug 26, 1961
Bessie May Arnold Chas. K. Stiteler Mar. 10, 1962
James Lewis Wilmot Celinda Mackey Apr 30, 1962
Peter Treat Joan McCafferty Aug 12, 1961
Deaths
Hobart H. Curtis Apr. 17, 1962
Margaret Rude presented the following program
Song America the Beautiful
Piano selections by Dwight Rude
Solo by Beth Gardner
Piano Solo Caroline Rude
Duet "When it is Summer in the City" Hungerford sisters
Clapping exercise Caroline Rude
Piano solo Melinda Hungerford
Chorus by Caroline and Dwight Rude, Bruce L., Belva Cook, pianist
Solo "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" Nancy Cook
Belva Cook pianist
Reading by Chas. Griswold
Piano selections by Belva Cook
The meeting was closed by singing "God Be With You."

Carrie C. Loomis, sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1962 are as follows:

J. Vance Griswold, Nira R. Griswold, Charles Griswold, Dwight W. Rude III, Mr. & Mrs. Ensign Varcoe, Mr. & Mrs. Claude F. Arnold, Belva Cook, Nancy Cook, Margaret Rude, Virginia R. Hungerford, Beth Clarkson Hungerford, Nancy, Melinda, Carolyn Rude, Myrtle Curtis, Ethel Geuther, Mrs. Louisa Corey Bayless, Edith Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Snyder, Beth Gardner, Mervin H. Loomis, Betty Loomis, Russell Loomis, Bruce Loomis, Stephen Loomis, Rodney Loomis, Mrs. Mildred (Wright) La Barre, Leah Wright, Carrie C. Loomis.

1963

Aug 21, 1963
The 57th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met at M. G. Hall and enjoyed a bountiful basket dinner. There were 44 present.
The business meeting was called to order by J. Vance Griswold and all sang America. Prayer was offered by Rev. Bahnsen
The min. of 1962 were read.
Treas. reported Bal. 4.74, a collection of \$17.50 was taken. Bills of \$5 Hall and 5.68 refreshments were ordered pd. leaving a Bal. of \$11.56.
The program com. with Margaret Rude presiding gave the following entertainment
Song "America the Beautiful"
Organ Rhythm Band conducted by Ruth Ann Rude.
Solo by Bobby Rude
Solo by Kathy Rude
Remarks were given by Rev. Richardson
Solo "People will say we are in Love" by Donna Dolan
Reading by Chas. Griswold
Solo Donna Dolan
Rev. Bahnsen got some laughs with his jokes and reminded us of the importance of keeping in mind our relationship of our family.
Report of Births etc. Verna Varcoe
Melvin John Jr. Sept 2, 1962 to Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Short
Michael Oct. 1962 to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Flood
Scott Allan Dec. 18, 1962 to Mr. & Mrs. Niles Curtis
Richard Jr June 27, 1963 to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Utegg
Teresa July 1, 1963 to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Curtis Jr.
Dean Ronald Mar 7, 1963 Mr. & Mrs. Carol Arnold
Barbara Sept 14, 1962 Mr. & Mrs. Wm Arnold
s April 12, 1963 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Warren
Marriages
Clara Arnold to Bernard C. Cosgrove Oct 6, 1962
Janice Stiles to Louis Winters Oct 27, 1962
Belva J. Cook to Richard Utegg Jan 1963
John Gardner to Dorothy Ann Wray July 13, 1963
Deaths
Raymond R. Loomis Nov. 8, 1962
Dr Benj. Ray Cooley Jan 7, 1963
Lester Cook - Apr. 16, 1963
James P. McCue June 2, 1963
Com.
Table Leah Wright, Gertrude Snyder, Beatrice Bartholomay
Program Verna Varcoe
Birth, Death, Marriages Edith Gardner
Closed by singing "God Be With You."

Carrie C. Loomis, sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1963 are as follows:

J. Vance Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bahnsen (Dunellen, N.J.), Charles Griswold (Honesdale), Mr. J. Vance Griswold, Mr. & Mrs. John Petrus, Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Bayless, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Snyder, Edith Gardner, Beatrice Bartholomay, Minnie Arnold, Lynn Arnold, Pearl Cox, Wm. Cox, Verna Varcoe, Carrie C. Loomis, Donna Dolan, Evelyn Curtis, F. H. Curtis, Jr., Mervin Loomis, Patricia Rude, Cathy Rude (6 years), Joyce Van Amberg, Barbara Van Amberg, Curt Van Amberg, Myrtle Curtis, Carol Kilmer, Kevin Kilmer, Joel Kilmer, Ethel Geuther, Claude F. Arnold, Ronald Curtis, Jim Nudelman, Steve Loomis, Robert Rude (4 years), Ruth Ann Rude, Margaret Rude, La Vange Arnold, Russell Loomis, Leah Wright, Mildred La Barre.

1964

Aug 19, 1964
The 58th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold met at the Moosic Grange Hall for a picnic dinner. There were 36 present.
The business meeting was called to order by J. Vance Griswold Pres.
All joined in singing America the Beautiful
Prayer by Rev. McKnight
Min. of 1963 were read
Treas. report Ball. \$11.56 coll. \$11.66 rec.
Bills of \$2.10 ref. & \$5 Hall rent pd. leaving \$16 52 Bal.
The following officers were elected for 2 yr.
Pres. J. Vance Griswold
V. " Claude F. Arnold
Sec. Carrie C. Loomis
Treas. Henry Bayliss
Program in charge of Verna Varcoe
Song America
Pageant "The Bible" by Raymond Loomis, Chas. Griswold, Russell Loomis, Barry Johnson and Elaine Johnson
Trumpet solo - Esther Hauenstein
Remarks by Rev. McKnight who spoke on challenging the young people to seek the better things in life by understanding the purpose of God's creation.
In stead of power to bring peace seek God's purpose. As He said "Not By power or might but by my mercy."
Claude gave a few remarks about the Griswold family.
The pres. appointed the following com.
Table, Doris Mead and Mildred LaBarre
Program Verna Varcoe
Birth etc. Gertrude Snyder
Edith Gardner reported the following
Marriages
Elaine Geuther to Geo. Quigley Aug. 24, 1963
Henry Wildenburg & Wanda
[Carol Louise] Bayless to Wm. Bracker June 6, 1964
Mary Ann Haven to June 6, 1964
Births
Darlene Marie Dec. 11 63 Mr. & Mrs. Cl. Kilmer
Susan Lee Mar 14, 1964 Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Brudos
James Todd Apr 5, 1964 to Mr. & Mrs. Niles Curtis
Sarah Mae June 25, 1964 Mr. & Mrs. Claron Arnold
Timothy Mark July 27, 1964 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Rose
Karen May 18, 1964 to Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Arnold
Pamela June 2, 1964 to Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Bodick
s. Aug 12, 1964 to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Pagella
Rose Annette July 13, 1964 to Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Blair
Wm. Arnold Feb. 8, 1962 to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Farrow
Maureen Dec. 4, 1963 to Mr. & Mrs. Bernard C. Cosgrove
Timothy Dec. 24, 1963 to Mr. & Mrs. Chas R. Stitler
Jonathan Chas. Dec. 12, 1963 Mr. & Mrs. G. Wilbur Curtis

d. Jan 1964 to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Flanagan
Kristan Eliz. Mar 29, 1964 to Mr. & Mrs. James Case
Donna Mae May 1, 1964 to Mr. & Mrs. John Gardner
James Curtis Aug 19, 1964 to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Rude
Robert Joseph May 29, 1964 to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Flood
Deaths
Ethel Gaylord Geuther Dec 25, 1963
Mark E. Griswold Mar 20, 1964
The meeting closed by singing "God Be With You."

Carrie C. Loomis
sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1964 are as follows:

Charles Griswold, John Griswold, C. F. Arnold, Mr. & Mrs. John Petrus, Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Bayless, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Snyder, Edith A. Gardner, Nira Griswold, Rev. Wallace McKnight, Mrs. Wallace McKnight, Lynn Arnold, Minnie Arnold, Wm. Cox, Pearl Cox, Mary T. Loomis, Margretta Loomis, Kenneth Loomis, Leah Wright, Verna Varcoe, Mildred La Barre, Debarah Mead, Doris Mead, La Vange Arnold, Esther Hauenstein, Ensign Varcoe, Raymond Loomis, Mervin Loomis, Russell Loomis, Carrie C. Loomis, Florence Cooley, Russell Johnson, Barry Johnson, Elaine Johnson.

1965

Aug. 18, 1965
The 59th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Crittenden Griswold family met at Moosic Grange Hall for a bountiful picnic dinner. There were 52 members and 3 visitors present.
The business meeting was called to order by Pres. J. Vance Griswold. Prayer by M. Bickings.
All joined in singing America accompanied by Mrs. Bickings.
Min. of 1964 were read and approved
Treas reported Bal. \$16.12 Coll. of \$16.30 rec.
Bills \$3.62 ref. \$5 for Hall leaving Bal. \$23.80.
The Entertainment in charge of V. Varcoe
Just music by Caroline and Patricia Rude
Trombone & French horn by Nancy and Esther Hauenstein.
Duet by Donna & Jimmy Dolan acc. by guitar
Solo by Jimmy Dolan
Solo by Donna Dolan
Accordian music by Bruce Loomis
Rev. & Mrs. Bahsen showed colored slides of their trip to the West Coast
Edith Gardner reported
Marriages
Joseph Loomis & Margaret Banuat Sept 19, 1964
Gertrude Louise Shaffer & Michael Lonzinski 3/6/65
Charles D. Curtis & Irene Brookling 4/24/65
Carol Decima Cox & Wm Ratchford
Births
Tammy Sue Mr. & Mrs. Richard Utegg 9/7/64
Brian to Mr. & Mrs. Allyn Bartholomay 11/3/64
Kyra Jo to Mr. & Mrs. Francis H. Curtis 3rd 12/9/64
Joseph Kenneth to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Loomis 2/14/65
Thomas Homer to Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Curtis 7/14/65
James Robert to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Utegg 8/14/65
Claudia Danielle to Mr. & Mrs. Claude Manaton 3/26/65
Thomas Jeffrey to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Flood 8/9/1965
Michael Allen to Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Cosgrove 12/1/1965
Barbara Alice to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Warren 8/ / 1964
Death
Kenneth Cable Feb. 1965
The meeting adjourned by singing "God Be With You."

Carrie C. Loomis
sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1965 are as follows:

H. L. Bayless, Louisa Bayless, Wm. G. Cox, Pearl Cox, Lynn Arnold, Minnie Arnold, Claude Arnold, Laura Rehbein (Polly), Fred Oliver, Mervin Loomis, F. H. Curtis, Jr., Roland Bahnsen, Betty Bahnsen, Charles Griswold, J. Vance Griswold, Edith Gardner, Robert Gardner, Gertrude G. Snyder, Charles Snyder, Dwight Rude III, Mrs. E. H. Varcoe, E. H. Varcoe, Nancy Lee Hauenstein, Esther Hauenstein, Russell Johnson, Barry Johnson, Doug Bickings, Sonja Bickings, Dicky Bickings, Pastor Richard Bickings, Glenda Bickings, Sharolyn Bickings, Bruce Loomis, James Dolan, Steve Loomis, Carrie (Cooley) Johnson, Florence Curtis Cooley, Elaine Rae Johnson, Beatrice Bartholomay, Roxanna Lawrence (Curtis), Henry Curtis, Jr., Grace S. Curtis, Craig Curtis, La Vange Arnold, C. Loomis, Donna Dolan, Evelyn Curtis, Patricia Rude, Dwight Rude, Margaret Rude, Leah M. Wright, Doris Mead, Mildred La Barre, Mae Bahnsen, Richard Bickings, Sonja Bickings, Richard F. Bickings, Jr., Douglas Bickings, Sharolyn Bickings, Glenda Bickings.

1966

Aug. 17, 1966
The 60th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth family met at Maple Grove church for a bountiful dinner. There were 44 members and 6 visitors present.
The business meeting was called to order by Pres. Vance Griswold
All joined in singing "America," Mrs. Bickings, pianist. Prayer by Mr. Bickings.
Min. of 1965 were read. Treas. reported Bal. \$23.80, Collection \$15.90.
Motion made & sec. to pay \$5 for use of church and \$7.97 for table com. expenses. Bal. \$26.73.
Vote of thanks extended to Loomis for getting church cleaned.
Motion made & sec. to hold reunion 1967 at the same place.
Election of officers
Pres. Vance Griswold
V " Claude Arnold
Sec. C. Loomis
Treas. Henry Bayliss
The following program was presented by Verna Varcoe
Song by the Bicking children
Poem "My Farm" Raymond Loomis
Piano solo - Kathy Arnold
Piano solo - Karen Arnold

Poem "The Ricker Man" Audrey Schaffer
Trombone solo - Nancy Hauenstein
Reading - "Ma and Her Check Book" Roxanne Lawrence

Accordion selections - Bruce Loomis
Remarks by Francis Curtis Jr., Russell Loomis,
Walter Rude, Claude Arnold, Dwight Rude

The Births
Laura Louise Sept 25 '65 to Mike and Louise Lonzinski
Karen Elaine Feb. 19, 1966 to Sam & Joan Curtis
Margaret Mary Mar. 12 1966 Joseph & Peg Loomis
Mark Adam May 18, 1966 Leland & Betty Loomis
Joanne Marie July 18, 1966 Chas. & Bessie Stittler
Patricia Ann Mar. 17, 1966 Geo. & Elaine Quigley
Gwendolyn Mar 11, 1966 Mr. & Mrs. John Gardner
Jeffrey May 20, 1966 Mr. & Mrs. James Kase III
Theresa Louise Sept 29, 1965 Lewis & Mary Arnold
Brian Gerald Sept 30, 1965 Wm. & Carol (Cox) Ratchford
Clarence Edward Nov. 8, 1965 James & Celinda Wilmot
Scott Wallace Jan. 19, 1966 Wallace & Marilyn Ludwig
Holly Marie July 28, 1965 Arthur & Sue Rose
Lauren Marie Feb. 17, 1966 Dale & Eleanor Treat

Marriages
Geo. Hornbeck Jr & Marie Gillette Nov 28, 1965
Neva Geuther Wildenstein & Robt. D. Phillips
Dec 18, 1965

Deaths
Sheryn Johnson & Douglas Black May 14, 1966
Joan Treat & Chas. W. Jester Sept. 18, 1965
Marcia Lee Cook & Richard Murray July 30, 1966
Jeana Ray Treat & Henry Little Aug 27, 1966
Shirley Anne Arnold & Anthony Van Mabee Aug 6, '66

Deaths
Henry W. Bartholomay Feb. 8, 1966
Gerald Flood Feb. 27, 1966
Nelson E. Loomis Mar. 24, 1966
Donald Curtis May 18, 1966

Ruth Julia Gummo Gager June 26, 1966

The Pres. appointed the following Com.
Birth, Deaths, Marriages Grace Curtis, Pearl Cox,
Bernice Dolan, Doris Wright
Table - Marg. Rude, Doris Meade, Gert. Snyder.
Program - Verna Varcoe, Bernice Dolan, Laura Rude
Song "God Be With You"
Benediction - Mr. Bickings

Carrie C. Loomis Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1966 are as follows:

Richard F. Bickings, Sonja Bickings, Richard F. Bickings, Jr., Douglas Bickings, Sharolyn Bickings, George and Mildred Pazel, Claude Arnold, La Vange Arnold, Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Bayless, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oliver, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Curtis, Sr., Gertrude L. Schaffer, Audrey Schaffer, Paul Schaffer, James Schaffer, Linda Schaffer, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Snyder, Edith Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Rude, Miss Roxanne Lawrence, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Cox, Kathy Arnold, Mrs. Minnie Arnold, Miss Karen Arnold, Leah Wright, Doris Mead, Mildred La Barre, Jean Loomis, Russell Loomis, Laura Rude, Walter Rude, Lois N. Curtis, F. H. Curtis, Jr., J. Vance Griswold, Nira R. Griswold, Carrie C. Loomis, Ensign Varcoe, Nancy Hauenstein, Mervin Loomis, Bernice Dolan, Raymond Loomis, Bruce Loomis.

1967

Aug. 16, 1967

The 61st annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met at the Maple Grove Church for a bountiful dinner with 52 members and friends present. The business meeting was called to order by Vance Griswold pres. with a few words of welcome.

All joined in singing "America" accompanied by Mrs. Bickings pianist.

The min. of 66 were read.

Treas. rep. Bal. \$26.73 Coll. of \$15.5 was rec. Bills of \$9.23 for expenses were ordered paid leaving a bal. of \$32.65

Report of Birth Death and Marriages

s. Lynton Schroll Jr. to Lynton & Verla Schroll
Dec. 10 '66

s. Chas Wm to Chas. & Joan Jester Sept. 9, 1966
s. Donald Jay to Wm. & Carol Ratchford Dec 18, 1966
d. Brenda Sue to Ray & Maribel Bodick Dec. 6, 1966
d. Constance Lee Richard & Marcia Murray Jan 21, 1967
d. Penny Sue to Stephen & Marj. Treat Apr 11, 1967
s. Michael Philip to Lewis & Marj. Arnold Apr 1, 1967
d. Christina Lynn to Anthony & Shirley Mabee May 13 '67
s. Kenneth Arnold Carroll & Virginia Curtis Nov. 12, 1966
s. Keith Allen 1966
s. Francis IV to Francis III & Anne Curtis May 7, 1967
s. Edward Michael to Mike and Louise Lonzinski
s. Karen Sue Clark & Carol Warner July 25, 1967
d. Lisa Geo & Marie Hornbeck
d. Francesca

s. James Robert to Robert & Betty Curtis Feb. 11, 1967

Marriages

Verla Dawn Arnold & Lynton Schroll Aug 27, 1966
Judith Cox & Eugene Kelly Oct 8, 1966
Gail N. Arnold & Linda Marie Ficken Dec. 3, 1966
Kathryn Geuther & Fredrick Gill Feb. 4, 1967
Robert K. Geuther & Rebecca Leah Mead July 29, 1967
Myrl Edwin Cox Jr. & Eliz Bohmer Aug. 5, 1967
David Schaffer & Pearl Connelly Dec. 4, 1966
Margretta Loomis & Wm. Peterlin Mar. 11, 1967
Carol Shaffer & Clark Warner Apr. 8, 1967
Marjorie Oliver & James Schofield
Viola Patey Miller & Barton Felks Aug. 1966

Deaths

Chas K. Stiteler Sept. 5, 1966
Kenneth C. Loomis Nov. 13, 1966
Peter P. Sosenko Aug. 3, 1967
Rev. Amanda Patey Oct. 14, 1966
Mary Curtis

The Com. to be the same with the addition of Bernice Dolan and Doris Wright to the B. D. & M. com.

"Bless Be the Tie that Binds" was sung as a closing song with Mr. Bickings giving the benediction.

Carrie C. Loomis
Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1967 are as follows:

Carrie C. Loomis, Sonja Bickings, Rev. Richard Bickings, Dicky Bickings, Doug Bickings, Sharolyn Bickings, Glenda Bickings, Wayne H. Perham, Ronald Curtis, Audrey Schaffer, James Schaffer, Paul Schaffer, Mervin Loomis, Fred Oliver, Dorothy L. Oliver, Claude Arnold, La Vange Arnold, Herbert C. Loomis, Russell Loomis, Jean Loomis, Mrs. Herbert Clark, Mrs. Walter Rude, Walter Rude, Mr. Wm. Cox, Mrs. Wm. Cox, Gilda-lee Cox, Ann Evanionka, Mary Evanionka, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Linda Schaffer, Leah Wright, Myrtle Curtis, Mary Theresa Loomis, Lois N. Curtis, Dwight Rude, Margaret Rude, Louisa Corey Bayless, Henry L. Bayless, Charles Snyder, Gertrude G. Snyder, Robert M. Gardner, Edith Gardner, Evelyn L. Curtis, Bernice Dolan, Verna Varcoe, Ensign Varcoe, Kyra Jo Curtis, Francis H. Curtis III.

1968

Aug 21 - 1968

The 62nd annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met at the Maple Grove Baptist Church for a bountiful dinner with 41 present.

The business meeting was called to order by V. P. Claude Arnold.

Prayer by given by Verna Varcoe.

All joined in singing "America," M. Rude pianist. Reading min. of 1967.

Bills of \$8.03 ordered paid.

Coll. \$15.41 taken

Treas. H. Bayless given Bal. '67 - \$32.65 ex 8.03 coll. 15.4 Bal. \$40.03

Motion made sec. & carried to have table com. purchase the meat for next yr.

Voted to meet at Maple Grove next yr.

Election of officers

Pres. Gertrude Schaffer

V.P. Dwight Rude

Sec. Carrie Loomis

Treas. Henry Bayless

Program "I Remember" by Bernice Dolan

Solo Tommy Rude

Poem Audrey Schaffer

Skit by Rude and Hungerford children

Com.

Table - Lois Curtis, Pearl Cox, Leah Wright

Birth Death & Marriages LaVange Arnold, Grace

Curtis, Laura Rude

Program Margaret Bernice

Report of Births

Bruce Robert to Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Kelleher (Eleanor)

Pamela & Matthew to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Loomis

Michael Curtis to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Curtis Jr.

Oct 14, 1967

Chas. Marshall to Chas. & Irene Curtis July 5, 1968

s. Mary & Gordon Giles July 27, 1968

Dawn Ellen Barbara & Howard Robbins Apr 1968

Shawn Michael Joseph & Noreen Arnold Sept. 26, 1967

Jennifer Lee to Calvin & Betty Arnold Sept. 26, 1967

Denise Lynn to Gail and Linda Arnold Dec. 7, 1967

Terrance Lou to Lt. Colonel & Gwendolyn Pazel Dec. 25, 1967

Lance Kaunahi to Wm. & Eleanor Arnold Jan. 9, 1968

Donald James to James & Celinda Wilmot Mar. 1 '68

Daniel Shawn to Clarence & Carol Kilmer Apr 4, 1968

Frederick Chas. to Frederick & Kathryn Giles 1968

Sandra Lynn to Claron & Delberta Arnold May 15 '68

Robert Manning to Roland & Nancy Sickler Feb. 16, 1968

Oscar Clark IV to Roland & Shirley Wilmot June 14, 1968

Marriages

Linda Curtis & Arthur Knapp Dec 30 '67

Esther Geuther & Paul Kutch Dec. 9, 1967

Barbara Sheehan & David Angstadt Jr. Aug. 26, 1967

Lance Corporal Roland Wilmot & Shirley Hamilton

Sept. 20, 1967

Joanne Marie Pazel & Wm. Dunn May 11, 1968

Allyn Douglass Wilmot & Sheryl Ravert July 13, 1968

Deaths

Chas. Arlyn Gaylord Sept. 24, 1967

Calvin David Arnold Jan. 7, 1968

J. Vance Griswold Sept. 3, 1967

Dr. Clyde Kern Sept 14, 1967

Dr. Burdette Gardner Nov. 11, 1967

Emma Corey Petrus Nov. 12, 1967

Thomas Howell May 11, 1968

Dr. John Ollendike Oct. 24, 1967

Olga Griswold Stiles July 11, 1968

The following couples celebrated their 50

anniversary:

Mervin & Carrie Loomis Nov. 1, 1967

Lynn & Minnie Arnold May 22, 1968

John & Beulah Cook Pazel June 10, 1968

Claude & LaVange Arnold July 12, 1968

C. C. L.
sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1968 are as follows:

Mr. & Mrs. William Cox, Minnie Arnold, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Rude, Virginia Rude Hungerford, Melinda Hungerford, Nancy Hungerford, Beth Hungerford, Richard Cook, Patricia Cook, Doris Mead, Debbie Mead, Leah Wright, George & Mildred Pazel, Claude F. Arnold, Mrs. Vance Griswold (Nira), La Vange Arnold, Henry Curtis, Sr., Rexanne Curtis, Grace Curtis, Mr. & Mrs. Friend Gummo & Cindy Gager, F. H. Curtis, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bayless, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert C. Loomis, Mr. & Mrs. Ensign H. Varcoe, Mrs. Bernice Dolan, Mrs. Leslie La Barre, Alice C. Williams, C. C. Loomis, Gertrude Schaffer, Henry Schaffer, Audrey Schaffer, Paul Schaffer, James Schaffer, Linda Schaffer, M. H. Loomis.

1969

Aug 20, 1969

The 63rd annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold was held at the Maple Grove Church. All enjoyed a bountiful dinner. There were 45 present.

The business meeting was called to order by Pres. Gertrude Schaffer.

All joined in singing "America" with Gertrude Snyder accompanist.

Prayer by Mr. Kenneth Dunn

Min. of 1968 were read for approval.

Coll. of \$13.59 was taken.

Treas. report Bal. \$40.03

Expenses Meat 11.04

Tablecloth 4.25

Plates etc. 1.71

17.00

\$23.03 + 13.59 = \$36.62 - 15 = \$21.62 Bal.

Motion made & sec. to pay \$5 to Church & \$10 to

C. Loomis carried

Voted to meet at Maple Grove next yr. & Com. to purchase meat.

Report of Com.

Birth Death & Marriages - La Vange Arnold

Births

Rachel Lee Aug. 27, 1968 to Robert & Rebecca Geuther

Bonnie Kim July 28, 1969 to Robert & Rebecca Geuther

Amy Bodick Sept. 25, 1968 Raymond & Maribelle Bodick

Kathleen Marie Sept 10, 1968 Eugene & Judith Kelly

Billie Jo Nov. 4, 1968 Wm. & Joanne Dunn

Andrea Nov. 17, 1968 Richard & Marcia Murray

Kenneth Gill Jan 22, 1969 Fredrick & Kathryn Gill

Travis Le Clark Feb. 22, 1969 Eugene & Delores Wilmot

Thomas Arthur May 21, 1969 Arthur & Susan Rose

Connie Lee May 24, 1969 Gail and Linda Arnold

Tracy Lee May 26, 1969 Joseph & Noreen Farrow

Wm. Bayliss May 2, 1969 Wm & Carol Bracker
Kristen Elizabeth May 20, 1969 Robert & Margaret Reese
Kathleen Mary Apr. 13, 1969 Norman & Margaret Kern
Matthew A. Jan. 5, 1969 James & Jean Kase
Frederick Jan 7, 1969 James & Marjorie Oliver
Stephen 1969 Henry & Susan Curtis
Douglass Arden May 20, 1969 Samuel & Joan Curtis

Deaths

Wm Cox husband of Pearl Arnold Nov. 4, 1968

Alta Howell Anthony Oct 4, 1968

Chas. Sanders Dec. 25, 1968

Herbert Loomis July 6, 1969

Louise Stiles Nov. 15, 1968

Edgar Stiles Feb. 16, 1969

Russel Loomis Feb. 19, 1969

Francis H. Curtis Jr. July 10, 1969

Thelma Mallory Dec. 2, 1968

Marriages

Duane Giles & Carol Kleffman, Dec. 14, 1968

Sandra Forsberg & Ray Paul Nelson, Sept. 20, 1968

Roxanne Laurence & Stephen Hall 1968

Mr. Dunn sang a solo.

Reading of History - Lois Curtis

Poem by Nira Griswold.

A picture was taken by Clyde Bayless

Closing song "Bless Be the Tie that Binds"

Benediction

Carrie C. Loomis, sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1969 are as follows:

La Vange Arnold, Claude F. Arnold, Fred Oliver, Wayne H. Perham, Carol Bayless Bracker, William Bayless Bracker (3 months), Clyde A. Bayless, Louisa M. Bayless, Henry L. Bayless, Pete & Alice Williams, Nira Griswold, Mildred (Wright) La Barre, Gertrude Loomis Schaffer (R. 1, New Milford, Pa), Evelyn L. Curtis (Box 163, Colebrook, N. H.), Bernice Curtis Dolan, Francis H. Curtis III (great great grandson), Ann L. Curtis (wife of F. H. III), Kyra Jo Curtis (great great great great grandchild), Francis H. Curtis IV (great great great grandchild), Mildred, Jennifer & Kenneth Dunn (Alden-ville), Lois N. Curtis, Myrtle W. Curtis, Leah M. Wright, Edith Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Snyder, Robert Gardner, Nancy Gardner, Beatrice Bartholomay, Juanita C. Gelder, Norvelle Curtis Kern, Linda, Paul, Jimmy, Audrey Schaffer, Ensign Varcoe, Verna Varcoe, Florence Curtis Cooley, Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Loomis, Bob & Richard Cook.

1970

Aug. 19, 1970

The 64th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth family met for a bountiful dinner at the Maple Grove Church. There were thirty eight present.

The business meeting was called to order by G. Loomis pres. presiding. After greetings of welcome

all joined in singing "America" Mrs. Dunn pianist

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dunn.

Min of 1969 were read for approval.

Trea. report a bal. of \$21.62

Bills of \$5.00 ch.[urch] 5.31 meat, \$10 C.[arrie] L.[oomis] ordered paid.

Coll. \$14.-

Bal. 15.31

Voted to meet at Maple Grove next year.

Election of officers

Pres. G. Schaffer

V.P. Dwight Rude

Sec. C. Loomis

Treas. H. Bayless

Nira Griswold acting as program com. presented the following program

Solo "When Jesus Came" by Rev. Dunn

Reading "Citizenship" Edith Gardner

Skit "Plum Crazy" Lois & Grace Curtis

Song "America the Beautiful"

Quiz "States" Rev. Dunn, 1st

Jokes - Nira Griswold

Reading "Generation Gap" V. Varcoe

Song "God Be With You."

Report of Birth, Death & Marriages by La Vange

Arnold

M. Sheri Treat to Glynn Jenson Apr. 18, 1970

Susan Cook to John Cease June 15, 1970

Lynnette Arnold to James Ray Oct. 15, 1969

Adelia Fields to James Dolan July 3, 1970

Kathryn Weimer to Robt. Ewing Feb. 14, 1970

Linda Oliver to David Stiles Jan. 13, 1970

B.

Wendy Kathrine to Roxanne & Stephen Hall Nov. 3, 1969

Lisa Beth to David & Barbara Angstadt Aug 8, 1969

Tracy Wilmot to Roland & Shirley Wilmot, Sept 25, 1969

Tricia Ann to Richard & Marcia Murray Apr 14, 1970

Carl Alfred to Wm. & Joanne Dunn July 14, 1970

Kimberley to Wm. & Margretta Peterlin Apr. 13, 1970

1971

Aug. 18 - 1971

The 65th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met for a delicious chicken dinner. There were 45 present.

The business meeting was called to order by Dwight Rude V. P.

All joined in singing "America"

Prayer by Mr. Laubach

Min of 1970 were read by Carrie Loomis

It was decided to meet in 1972 at the same place.

Treas report Bal. \$15.31

Bills \$5 - church \$11.52 Table \$10 cleaning \$26.52

Program in charge of Nira Griswold viz.

Song of Welcome John Rude

Violin duet Novelty Selections by Larry Downey and dau. Gail

Reading by Mrs. Nira Griswold

Solo "It was a Miracle" by Mrs. David Laubach accompanied on piano by Mrs. Dwight Rude.

Reading "What is a Grandmother" by Mrs. Dwight Rude

Violin Duet Grandfather clock & Irish Lullaby by The Downeys.

All grandmothers were asked to stand Mrs. Henry Curtis having the most grandchildren and Mrs. Mervin Loomis the most great grandchildren received prizes.

Numerous reading Granddaughter buys material for dolly's dress Mrs. Nira Griswold

Reading "Recipe for a Good Reunion" by Mrs. Henry Curtis

Highlights of trips this years by Mrs. Alice Williams, Mrs. Henry Curtis, Mrs. Claude Arnold, and Mrs. Dwight Rude, Mrs. Fred Oliver, and Mrs. Nira Griswold.

Rev. David Laubach gave a short talk on Difficulty of Communication Gap.

Closing song God Be With You.

Birth, Deaths & Marriages by Mrs. Claude Arnold.

Marjorie Doris 9/1/70 Robert & Betty Curtis

8/31/70 to Mr. & (Cheryl Johnson) Douglas Black

Thomas John 12/24/70 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Lonzinski

Julie Ann 1/20/70 Mr. & Mrs. Clark Warner

Ian Christian 2/21/71 Mr. & Mrs. James Dolan

Wm Michael 5/22/71 Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Peterlin

8/21/70 Mr. & Mrs. Desmond Corey

Henry David 6/30/71 Mr. & Mrs. H. David Schaffer

Amy Sue Mr. & Mrs. Wm. (Mary) Schermerhorn

William Russell 11-11-70 Russell & Ann Powell

David Winter 2-19-71 Samuel & Elizabeth Montello

Dale Robt. 8/24/70 Robert & Rebecca Geuther

Tabitha Louise 9/15/70 Anthony & Shirley Arnold Mabey

Paula Lynn 9/27/70 Paul & Esther Geuther

Andrew Lester 2/17/71 Stephen & Nancy Cook Vaverchak

Grechen Ann 3/8/70 Niles & Nancy Curtis

Laura Ann 1/19/70 Lynton & Vera Arnold

Alice Diane 2/10/71 David & Barbara Sheehan Angstadt

Clint Kaloe 4/7/71 Wm. & Eleanor Arnold

Kendall Louise 7/21/71 Chas. & Irene Curtis

Kevin Brian 9/13/70 Arthur & Linda Curtis Knapp

Ronald Jr. 3/27/71 Ronald & Donna DeWitt Pappas

Marriages

Nancy Lee Cook & Stephen L. Vaverchak 11/14/1970

Lynette Pearly Arnold Arthur Wolven 8/6/1970

Peter Chas. Arnold & Lorina Pemberton 12/17/1970

Donna Marie Arnold & Robt. Stiles 7/3/71

Joan Ellen Loomis & Robt. Schenkel

Audrey Schaffer & Terry Stiento 5/5/70

Mr. & Mrs. Bliss Treat 50th May 10, 1971

Deaths

Florence C. Cooley Jan. 6, 1971

Daniel Curtis

John Pazel June 4, 1971

Galen Gaylord June 23, 1971

Walter Rude Apr. 12, 1971

Closed by singing "God Be With You"

C. C. Loomis Sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1971 are as follows:

C. Loomis, La Vange Arnold, Robert Flood, George & Mildred Pazel, Lynn & Minnie Arnold, Beulah Pazel, Beatrice Bartholomay, Edith Gardner, Nell Gardner, Gertrude & Charles Snyder, Lois N. Curtis, Pete & Alice Williams, Grace & Henry Curtis, Claude Arnold, Nira Griswold (Mrs. Vance Griswold), Fred Oliver, Dorothy Oliver, Judy Schofield (grandchild), John Schofield (grandchild), Gary Flood (grandchild), Robert Flood (grandchild), Mary Theresa Loomis, Margaretta Peterlin, Billy Peterlin, Billy Peterlin, Dwight & Margaret Rude, Grandson John Rude (John), Granddaughter Beth Hungerford (Virginia), Ensign & Verna Varcoe, Ronald and Mrs. David Laubach, Johanna, Josephine (Corey) Downey, Larry & Gail Downey, Henry L. Bayless, Louisa Bayless, Mervin H. Loomis.

1972

The 66th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met Aug. 16 at the Maple Grove Church. A delicious ham dinner was enjoyed by 38.

The business meeting was called to order by Gertrude Loomis reading a poem "Let's Be Friends."

All joined in singing "America The Beautiful" accompanied by Marg. Rude.

Prayer by Rev. Laubach

The min. of 1971 were read by secretary.

Treas. report read & accepted: Bal. 13.21

Bills Table \$ 7

Ch. \$ 5 13.21

Jan. [itor] \$10 13.52

\$22 \$26.73

22.00

Coll of \$13.52 Bal. 4.73

It was decided to meet 1973 in the same place and same time unless otherwise ordered.

The Com. Birth-Death-Marriages

Peter to Peter & Lorinda Arnold Nov. 19, 1971

Jason to Arthur & Lynette Holvern Nov. 22, 1971

Craig Donald to Robt. & Donna Stiles Jan. 30, 1972

Eric Scott to Clarence & Carol Kilmer Dec. 5, 1971

to Roland and Shirley Wilmot 1971

Christine Marie to Gail and Linda Arnold Feb. 5, 1972

Merle to Wm. & Eleanor Arnold May 19, 1972

Laura Marie to Mary & Wm. Schermerhorn Dec. 5, 1971

Marriages

Robt De Witt & Mary Pat Dougherty June 24, 1972

Gary L. Gates & Cheryl Donna George Oct. 16, 1971

Gary Friermuth & Susan Arnold Feb. 19, 1972

Wanda Wilnot Warren &

David Hauenstein III & Barbara Sheard May 13, 1972

James Hauenstein & Anna Kerwin June 17, 1972

Death

Joan Loomis (Russell wife) Feb. 28, 1972

Program -

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bayliss celebrated 60th

Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Rude celebrated 50th

Song "America The Beautiful"

Reading "Boys Come In?" by Beatrice Bartholomay

Reading "Little Girls Are?" by Mary Loomis

Solo by Mrs. Laubach

Reading "Duz You Drift with the Tide? Cheer Up,

Sparkle." Audience to count No. times some cleaning

product used.

Reading "A Little Bit" by Gert. Snyder

Remarks by Rev. David Laubach.

Closed by singing "God Be With You" & Benediction.

Carrie C. Loomis sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1972 are as follows:

Mary Theresa Loomis, Margaretta Peterlin, Kimberly Peterlin, Billy Peterlin, Mervin Loomis, Bernice Broszonn, Alice Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Ensign Varcoe, Mrs. Ann Tyler, Mary Catherine Tyler, Mrs. Laura Rude, Mrs. Nell Gardner, Edith Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Rude, Rev. and Mrs. David Laubach, Johanna, Clyde A. Bayless, Louisa M. Bayless, Mrs. Vance Griswold (Nira), Fred Oliver, Dorothy L. Oliver, Norville C. Kern, Beatrice Bartholomay, Henry H. Schaffer, Gertrude L. Schaffer, James M. Schaffer, Linda Schaffer, Paul M. Schaffer, Steve & Karen Loomis, Russell M. Loomis, Carrie C. Loomis.

1973

The 67th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met at the Maple Grove Baptist Ch. for a ham dinner. A highlight of which was a birthday cake for Chas. Snyder.

The business meeting was called to order by Pres.

Gertrude Schaffer with a few words of greeting.

All joined in singing "America The Beautiful" accompanied by Mrs. Crossman playing piano.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Crossman.

Min. of 1972 read and approved

Treas report

Coll. \$27.56 Bills

Bal. 7.73 Table \$16.00

\$35.29 Ch. 5.00

Janitor 10.00

\$31.00

Bal. \$4.29

Report of Birth Marriages & Death by LaVange Arnold

Births

James Paul Nov. 23 - 72 Paul & Esther G. Kutch

Mark Ernest Mar. 2 - 73 Glyn & Sheri Treat Jensen

Aimee Lynn Mar. 18 - 73 Robert & Donna Arnold Stiles

Tracy Sue Jan 11 - 73 Gary & Susan Arnold Friermuth

Joshua James Apr. 26 - 73 James & Adelia Fields

Brian Scott Feb. 18 - 73 Clark & Carol Warner

Keith David June 17 - 73 David III & Barbara Hauenstein

Ronald Jr. Oct. 14 - 72 Ronald & Donna Curtis

Isabelle Myrtle Sept. 8 - 72 Robert & Betty Curtis

Marriages

Barbara Jeanne Wilmot & Donald Sass Sep. 9, 1972

John Cook & Mary Simon Oct. 7, 1972

Thomas G. Treat & Susan La Tourette May 5, 73

A. Eric Bartholomay & Elaine Lisa Gillette June 6, 1973

Marie Corey & Cost

Roxanne Laurence Hall & Lt. Walter Allen Girard

Dec. 28 - 72

Allen R. Curtis & Nancy Marie Clark Sept. 30 -1972

Donna De Witt Pappas & Chas. Lacinsky July 1973

Deaths

James Paul Kutch Nov. 26 - 1972

Henry G. Curtis Nov. 25, 1972

Claude F. Arnold Feb. 17, 1973

Donna Curtis Oct. 23, 1972

Allen Curtis June 10, 1973

Ronald Curtis July 17, 1973

Poem Alice Williams

Rev. Crossman gave a few appropriate remarks.

All joined in singing "God Be With You"

Benediction Rev. Crossman

Carrie C. Loomis, sec.

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1973: Carrie C. Loomis, Margaretta Peterlin, Kimberly Peterlin, Billy Peterlin, Gertrude Schaffer, Linda Schaffer, Mervin Loomis, Pete & Alice Williams, Beatrice Bartholomay, Nell Gardner, Edith Gardner, Gertrude G. Snyder, Charles Snyder, Ensign H. Varcoe, Verna C. Varcoe, M. J. Short, Jr., Henry L. Bayliss, Louisa Bayliss, Dorothy Oliver, Fred Oliver, Catherine Q. Culver (visitor), Rodney Loomis, Mark Loomis, LaVange Arnold, Bruce A. Loomis, Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Mrs. G. Fay Crossman, Mary T. Loomis

1974

[The following account of the Griswold Reunion 1974 was published in the newspaper, The Wayne Independent.]

GRISWOLD REUNION

The 68th annual reunion of the John and Elizabeth Griswold family met at the Maple Grove church Wednesday, Aug. 21, for a ham and covered dish dinner. After doing justice to the food, all assembled in the auditorium for a business meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Gertrude Schaffer. All joined in singing "America." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Anderson. Minutes of 1973 were approved. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dwight Rude; vice president, Fred Oliver; secretary, Carrie Loomis; treasurer, Edith Gardner. Committees: Table, Gertrude Schaffer, Margaretta Loomis, Gertrude Snyder, Verna Varcoe. Births, deaths, marriages: John Schofield (21 Reynshanhurst, Carbondale), Bob Flood (21 Reynshanhurst, Carbondale), Joe Loomis, Maggie Loomis, Kim Peterlin, Kelly Kilmer, Billy Peterlin, Margaretta Peterlin, Gertrude Schaffer, Linda J. Schaffer, Mary Theresa Loomis, Mrs. Minna Oliver Blair (40 Locust St., Milton, Pa. 17847), Fred Oliver (58 Canaan St., Carbondale), Dorothy Oliver (58 Canaan St., Carbondale).

The program was then given. Song, "America, The Beautiful." Skit by Cheryl Black and Leslie. Duet by Mrs. Anderson and Margaret Rude. Remarks by the Rev. Anderson and the Rev. Crossman. Jokes by Henry Bayless, Fred Oliver, Verna Varcoe, Dwight Rude. Song, "God Be With You." Benediction by the Rev. Crossman.

The family will meet again on the third Wednesday in August, 1975, at the same place.

--Carrie C. Loomis, secretary.

[In addition to the above newspaper account of the Griswold Reunion 1974, which is pasted into the minutes of the Griswold Reunion, the following information was recorded by Carrie C. Loomis in the minutes for 1974:]

Births

a son Stephen to Donna DeWitt & Charles Lacinski May 2

a daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Russel Peltz Dec. 9, 1973

a daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Russell Curtis Mar. 6, 1974

a daughter Krista Jill to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Knapp

Apr. 20, 1974

a son Bryan Alan to Mr. & Mrs. Alan Curtis July 30,

1974

a son Aaron to Mary & John Cook

Deaths

Mrs. Leon (Pauline) Corey Nov. 3, 1973

Wm. Ritter Feb. 1, 1973

Juanita Curtis Gelder Mar. 7, 1974

Laura Curtis Graham Apr. 30, 1973

Cora Overguard Oct. 6, 1973

Charles Van Amberg July 30, 1974

Mervin H. Loomis Aug. 31, 1973

Charles Snyder Feb. 4, 1974

Marriages

Donna Dolan and Glen Hosterman, Jr. Sept. 1, 1973

Richard G. Hawley and Terri Jo Smith June 6, 1974

Russell Curtis and Rose Miller Dec. 27, 1973

Jean Marie Curtis and Dale Starbuck July 6, 1974

Carrie C. Loomis Sec. 1934-1974

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1974: Carrie C. Loomis, Margaretta Loomis Peterlin, Kimberly Peterlin, Billy Peterlin, Rodney Loomis, Bernice Dolan, Mary Theresa Loomis, John Rebernik, H. L. Bayliss, Louisa Bayliss, Donna Lacinski, Kevin Lacinski, Lisa Lacinski, Ronnie Lacinski, Stephen Lacinski, Cheryl Black, Leslie Black, Edith Gardner, Gertrude G. Snyder, Nell Gardner, Verna C. Varcoe, Grace (?) Sl????, Leah Wright, Leslie A. LaBarre, Mildred (Wright) La Barre, Dwight W. Rude, Margaret R. Rude, Fred A. Oliver, Linda J. Schaffer, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Rev. Dwight E. Anderson, Mildred Anderson, Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Mildred E. Crossman, Mark Loomis.

1975

[The following account of the Griswold Reunion 1975 was published in the newspaper, The Wayne Independent.]

REUNION

Griswold family

The 69th annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at the Moosic Grange on Wednesday, August 20, for a covered dish dinner. 38 members of the family and guests partook of a meal, after which they assembled for a business meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dwight Rude. All joined in singing "America." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dwight Anderson. Minutes of 1974 were read and accepted. With the exception of the secretary, all officers and committees will hold office for another year. Margaret Rude was elected as secretary for one year to fill the term of Mrs. Carrie Loomis, who died March 16, 1975. A tribute was paid to Carrie Loomis, who served as secretary for 40 years.

During the program various members reminisced concerning history of the family. Some told humorous things that occurred at former reunions. They were entertained by four great-granddaughters of Walter and Laura Rude - Mary Tyler, Jill, Amy and Laura Schermerhorn. They sang two songs. Kimberly Ann Peterlin, a great granddaughter of Mervin and Carrie Loomis, danced.

Remarks were made by Josephine Corey Downey,

Minna Oliver Blair, Alice Curtis Williams, Fred Oliver,

the Rev. Anderson, Dwight Rude. A poem was read by

Henry Bayliss. Benediction by the Rev. Anderson.

The family will meet again on the third Wednesday

of August 1976, at the Moosic Grange Hall.

--Margaret Rude, secretary.

[In addition to the above newspaper account of the Griswold Reunion 1975, which is pasted into the minutes of the Griswold Reunion, the following information was recorded in the minutes for 1975 by Margaret Rude:]

Treas. - balance 9.79

Collection 18.20

27.99

for hall 10.00

Balance 17.99

Marriages

William Bartholomay Jr. Dorothy Wehmeyer Aug 10, 1974

John R. Rude Amy M. Burch Aug 9, 1974

Carol Mary Loomis Steven Allen Mcchoud

Sally Ann Loomis Donald Bechtel

Donald

1976

[The following account of the Griswold Reunion 1976 was published in the newspaper, The Wayne Independent.]

REUNIONS
Griswold Reunion

The 70th reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at the Moosic Grange Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 18, for a covered dish dinner. Thirty-five members of the family and guests partook of a sumptuous meal, after which they assembled for a business meeting and entertainment.

The meeting was called to order by President Dwight Rude. All joined in singing "America." A prayer was offered by the Rev. G. Fay Crossman. Minutes of the 1975 reunion were accepted as read. The treasurer reported a balance of \$17.99. Collection was \$18.65, bills \$15, leaving a balance of \$21.64. With the exception of vice president, all officers will function for another year. Leslie LaBarre was elected as vice president; Dwight Rude, president; Margaret Rude, secretary; Edith Gardner, treasurer.

The following committees were formed: Table, Bernice Dolan, Gertrude Snyder, Mildred LaBarre; Births, deaths and marriages, Edith Gardner, Gertrude Schaffer, Verna Varcoe; Program, Alice Williams, Mary Schermerhorn, Ann Tyler.

Alice Curtis Williams took charge of the program. She read the history of John Griswold as given at a Pioneer Day celebration in the early 1920s. Mary Tyler, Jill, Amy and Laura Schermerhorn, the great granddaughters of Walter and Laura Rude, sang a number of songs. They were beautifully dressed in bicentennial costumes.

After reminiscing, Rev. Crossman gave a short talk before he dismissed the group with the benediction.

The family will meet again on the third Wednesday of August, 1977, at the Moosic Grange Hall.

--Margaret Rude, secretary

[In addition to the above newspaper account of the Griswold Reunion 1976, which is pasted into the minutes of the Griswold Reunion, the following information was recorded in the minutes for 1976 by Margaret Rude:]

Marriages

Deborah Cook Daniel Green Sept 6 - 1975
Dwight Rude Linda Huber Aug. 14 - 1976
Sherie Black Larry Buckingham March 1976

Births

Dr. & Mrs. Wm. Loomis - daughter Rachel
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Loomis - son Raymond
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rude - son Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Loomis - daughter Diane
Margretta Peterlin - son Kenneth Joseph
Audrey Schaffer Terry Stiento - July 16, '76
Christine Nordlyhagen, Norway

Deaths

Raymond (Pete) Williams
Henry Patey
Lynn Arnold
Bruce Cooley - May '76
Grace S. Curtis May 23 - '76
Edna Loomis Loomis - July 4, '76

Balance \$21.64

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1976: Dwight W. Rude, Margaret Rude, Louisa Bayliss, Henry L. Bayliss, Friend Gummoe, Crystel Gummoe, Mildred (Wright) LaBarre, Leslie LaBarre, Linda Schaffer, Elva Bates, Alice Williams, Vivian Rutkosky, Verna C. Varcoe, Gwen Gardner, Edith Gardner, Amy Rude, John R. Rude, Mrs. G. F. Crossman, Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Mrs. William Schermerhorn, Jill Schermerhorn, Amy Schermerhorn, Laura Schermerhorn, Laura Rude, Mrs. Ann Tyler, Mary Tyler, Beatrice Bartholomay, Lois N. Curtis, Norville C. Kern, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Bernice C. Dolan, Fred A. Oliver, Wayne H. Perham, Gertrude G. Snyder, Doris C. Howell.

1977

[The following account of the Griswold Reunion 1977 was published in the newspaper, The Wayne Independent.]

REUNION

Griswold family

The 71st family reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at the Moosic Grange Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 17, for a covered dish dinner. In spite of a downpour at dinner time, 19 family members enjoyed a most delicious meal at tables tastefully decorated by Doris Howell.

Vice-president Leslie LaBarre presided at the business meeting which followed the meal. After prayer by the Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Mrs. Crossman accompanied the singing of the first hymn. Minutes of 1976 were approved as read. The treasurer reported a balance of \$21.64. Collection of \$15 was received and bills of \$16 were ordered paid. All business resulted in a return to office of Dwight Rude, president; Leslie LaBarre, vice-president; Margaret Rude, secretary, and Edith Gardner, treasurer.

The table committee for the ensuing year consists of Bernice Dolan, Mildred LaBarre and Gertrude Snyder. Each person is asked to bring own table service to the next reunion. One member of each family is asked to report on his own family concerning births, deaths and marriages, with Edith Gardner acting as chairman. Alice Curtis Williams was appointed as program chairman for 1978.

A program was prepared by Alice Williams, who read the history of the Griswold family. This was followed by readings and poems by Beatrice Bartholomay, Gertrude Schaffer, Myrtle Curtis, Crystal Cook Gummoe, Dorothy Oliver and Verna Varcoe.

A few remarks were made by the Rev. Crossman followed by the following words for Henry Bayless: "Louisa and I have been attending this reunion for 65 years. It is tough to grow old and the only way I know to prevent it is to die young. Some day you folks will know what I mean. We thank God every day for our good health and at the ages of 88 and 91 that we are able to take care of ourselves and eat a good reunion dinner."

Get well cards will be sent to Leah Wright and Dwight Rude.

The conclusion was a benediction by the Rev. Crossman, followed by the singing of "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

[In addition to the above newspaper account of the Griswold Reunion 1977, which is pasted into the minutes of the Griswold Reunion, the following information was recorded in the minutes for 1977 by Margaret Rude:]

Births

To Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hawley, a daughter, Jennifer Elaine, born Aug. 18, 1976. Clistia's great-granddaughter

To Mr. & Mrs. David S. Hauenstein 3rd, a son, Chad Stephen, born Aug. 21, 1976. Verna & Ensign's great-grandson

To Mr. & Mrs. James (Jim) Hauenstein, a son, Dennis James, born Feb. 20, 1977.

To David & Pearl Schaffer - a daughter Christina Marie Dec 20, 1976

To Robert Geuther & Rebecca Mead - a daughter Janet Lynne April 12, 1977

To Robert & Patricia DeWitt - a daughter Kimberly Ann July 23 - 1977

Marriages

Leonard R. Hauenstein to Elizabeth Ann Gardner on Oct. 2, 1976. (Leonard is a grandson to Verna & Ensign Varcoe; while the bride is a granddaughter of Burdette & Nellie Gardner.)

Esther J. Hauenstein to Gerald R. Clay on June 18, 1977. Esther is a granddaughter to E. & V. V.

Harold Oliver Pamela Smith April 1977

Suzanne Bailey Bruce Loomis Oct 2

Jo Anne Marie Fagan Lawrence Brian Curtis Jan 8

Deborah Mead Donald Erroh Sept 11, 1976

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1977: Leslie A. LaBarre, Mildred E. LaBarre, Edith Gardner, Gertrude Snyder, Myrtle Curtis, Doris Howell, Dorothy Oliver, Fred Oliver, Crystel C. Gummoe, Friend O. Gummoe, Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Mrs. G. Fay Crossman, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Henry L. Bayless, Louisa Corey Bayless, Verna C. Varcoe, Beatrice Bartholomay, Alice C. Williams.

1978

[The following account of the Griswold Reunion 1978 was published in the newspaper, The Wayne Independent, September 9, 1978, p. 6.]

Griswold family

The 72nd annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at the Moosic Grange Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 16, for a covered dish dinner, with 14 family members present. Bernice Dolan and Gertrude Snyder served on the table committee.

After the dinner, Dwight Rude, president, presided at the business meeting, which was opened with prayer by the Rev. G. Fay Crossman. Minutes of 1977 were approved. Treasurer reported balance of \$16.85 after collection was taken and bills of \$16.15 were presented. Beatrice Bartholomay was elected vice president to fill the unexpired term of Leslie LaBarre, who died recently. Secretary was instructed to send card of sympathy to his family. Other officers and committees are to serve another year. Dwight Rude invited the reunion to meet at Ridge Farm, the Rude homestead, in 1979. Each person is to bring covered dish and own table service.

A program was presented by Alice Williams, program chairman. Edith Gardner read a history of the family. This was followed by readings and poems by Beatrice Bartholomay and Dorothy Oliver. Rev. Crossman gave a reading "Cohen on the Telephone." Alice Williams, who has been teaching herself to play the violin, presented a history of the violin. Remarks were made by the Powell brothers, who have been accumulating old family portraits. It was interesting to look them over. Some could be named, others not.

Meeting was closed with benediction by Rev. Crossman.

[In addition to the above newspaper account of the Griswold Reunion 1978, which is pasted into the minutes of the Griswold Reunion, the following information was recorded in the minutes for 1978 by Margaret Rude:]

Corrections	Balance on hand	\$20.64
	Expenses	16.15
	Balance	4.49
	Collection	14.79
	New Balance	19.24

Marriages

Dwight F. Hauenstein Jr. Donna Marie Reilly Oct 15, 1977

Nancy Lynn Hauenstein John Wiltz Feb 11, 1978

Patricia Ann Rude Robert Wayne Shaffer June 3, 1978

Births

Timothy Michael to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hawley

Apr 27, 1978

Joshua Charles to Mr. & Mrs. John Cease Nov 14, 1977

Michelle Ann to Danny & Mary Ann Stiles June 29, 1970

Michael Daniel to Danny & Mary Ann Stiles Apr 14, 1972

John Joseph to Danny & Mary Ann Stiles Feb 21, 1978

Faith Ann to Robert & Betty Curtis Aug 10, '78

Deaths

Leslie LaBarre April 18, 1978

Ensign Henry Varcoe June 19, 1978

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1978: Dwight W. Rude, Margaret R. Rude, S. Robert Powell, Donald W. Powell, Mildred Crossman, Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Fred Oliver, Dorothy Oliver, Beatrice Bartholomay, Alice Williams, Bernice Dolan, Gertrude G. Snyder, Louisa Bayless, Edith Gardner.

1979

[The following account of the Griswold Reunion 1979 was published in the newspaper, The Wayne Independent, August 28, 1979, p. 8.]

Griswold family holds reunion

Twenty-eight descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met at the home of Margaret and Dwight Rude, Ridge Farm, Waymart, RD on Aug. 15.

A delicious covered dish dinner was followed by the business meeting. Officers elected include: Dwight Rude, president; Beatrice Bartholomay, vice president; Margaret Rude, secretary; Edith Gardner, treasurer; Mildred LaBarre, Gertrude Snyder and Bernice Dolan will serve on the table committee.

Of very special interest to the group was the issuance of the very first issue of the newspaper, "Northeastern Pennsylvania."

An historical quarterly published on the third Wednesday of August, November, February, and May by Sheffield Publications, Inc., Northeastern Pennsylvania was created by S. Robert Powell and Donald Powell for one purpose: To record and disseminate a comprehensive portrait of northeastern Pennsylvania—past and present.

The first issue of Northeastern Pennsylvania contains reproductions of many photographs of people, homes, autograph entries, poems and maps, as well as factual information about the descendants of Theron Orsemus Loomis and Mary Emma Squire. This family was chosen because they are good examples of representative citizens of northeastern Pennsylvania who came of age in rural America in the 1870's and 1880's.

Theron Loomis was a descendant of John and Elizabeth Griswold: Robert and Donald (the creators of Northeastern Pennsylvania) are both descendants of them.

The members of the Griswold Reunion were indeed honored that the first edition of Northeastern Pennsylvania was issued on their reunion day. They were also honored in that the family of one of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold was the featured article in this edition.

[In addition to the above newspaper account of the Griswold Reunion 1979, which is pasted into the minutes of the Griswold Reunion, the following information was recorded in the minutes for 1979 by Margaret Rude:]

Balance in treasury \$20.69
Program Alice Lund
Births Deaths Marriages Edith Gardner

Marriages

Richard Erwin Curtis to Kim Ann Slick July 1, 1979
Lawrence Brian Curtis to Joanne Marie Fagan

Births

Andrew Thomas to David & Linda Oliver Stiles Feb 1979
James Robert to Daniel & Mary Ann Stiles Apr 28, 1979
Duane to Eric & Lynn Bartholomay Oct 10, 1979
Brian William to Bill & Dorothy Bartholomay Mar 15, 1979

Jason to Carol & Kristin Curtis Jan, 1979

Those who attended the Griswold Reunion in 1979: Verna C. Varcoe, S. Robert Powell, Honey Rodgers, Donald W. Powell, Doris Howell, Myrtle Curtis, Friend Gummoe, Crystel C. Gummoe, Dorothy L. Oliver, Fred Oliver, John Rude II, Amy Rude, John R. Rude, Mildred Crossman (Mrs. G. Fay), Fay Crossman, Alice Williams Lund, Mildred (Wright) LaBarre, Beatrice Bartholomay, Edith Gardner, Gertrude Snyder, Gertrude Schaffer, Kim Schaffer, Linda Schaffer, Bernice Dolan, Dwight W. Rude, Margaret R. Rude, Marjorie Rude Cook, Gerald Cook.

1980

GRISWOLD REUNION

The Ridge Farm, home of Dwight and Margaret Rude, Waymart RD 1, was the locale of the 74th annual reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold on Aug. 20, 1980. 29 members and friends of the family partook of a covered dish dinner.

During the business meeting the present officers were requested to hold their titles for the upcoming year. They are: Dwight Rude, president; Margaret Rude, secretary; Beatrice Bartholomay, vice president; and Edith Gardner, treasurer. Mildred LaBarre, Gertrude Snyder and Dorothy Oliver were named as the table committee; Robert Powell, Donald Powell and Alice Curtis Lund, the program committee; Doris Howell and Verna Varcoe, recording committee of marriages, births and deaths. It was voted to have the next meeting at Ridge Farm on the third Wednesday of August, 1981.

With all business concluded, the program was held. It was presented by Robert Powell and proved to be a most interesting historical enlight[en]ment. Some inclusions of the program were the minutes of the organizational meeting that established the Griswold reunion on March 22, 1906, at the Moosic Grange Hall with a list of 77 in attendance. Officers elected were John Griswold, president; Fred Griswold, vice president; Theron Loomis, secretary; and Nathan Griswold, treasurer.

Minutes of the 1906 reunion, held Aug. 15, 1906, at the Moosic Grange Hall has 109 in attendance. Minutes of the 1907 reunion, held Aug. 21, 1907 contained the "By Laws of the Griswold Reunion." History of the Griswolds given on Pioneer Day, Sept. 6, 1920, a text containing the history of the family of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden and their arrival in Clinton township from Massachusetts, and history of Pioneer Day, September 4, 1922, at which time the conglomerate stone monument with its bronze tablet, in memory of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden was dedicated.

[The above text about the Griswold Reunion 1980 was written by Margaret Rude and published in The Wayne Independent on Tuesday, September 9, 1980, p. 7.]

Notes on the Text

1. The following information about the Griswold coat of arms is from Ruth Lee Griswold (p. 12):

The Arms of Griswold are described as:

Arg. a Fess, Gu. between two grey hounds courant sa; within bordine or as a difference.

These heraldic terms are defined as follows:

Argent — silver, in color white
Abbreviation Arg.
Fess. A figure formed by 2 horizontal lines drawn across the shield. It is 1/3 of the field in width and it is always placed in the center.
Gules — Red — abbreviated Gu.
The crest is a Greyhound, passant proper.
The motto — "Fortiter et celeriter" (Strongly and quickly).

Note: The Griswold coat of arms is illustrated (as the Frontispiece) in Ruth Lee Griswold's history of the Griswold family and in Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend's history of the Griswold family, Volume V, (as the Frontispiece).

In addition to giving the above information about the Griswold coat of arms, Ruth Lee Griswold (p. 12) reports the following information about the members of the Griswold family:

The Griswold family is described as "Men tall of stature, strong of limb and stout of heart, men of affairs who brought to the new land a capacity for government and statesmanship."

"And the rest of the acts which they did and their might and how they warred and overcame, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of Ancient Windsor?" In his Ancient Wethersfield, he speaks of them as "A family that has furnished many mariners but more soldiers."

2. Throughout the present history of John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold and their ancestors and descendants, we repeat the numbers that have been assigned to the members of the Griswold family by Glenn E. Griswold in his history of the Griswold family. Michael Griswold is the beginning of a family line, the members of which are enumerated by Glenn E. Griswold; he has, therefore, been assigned the number "1" by Glenn E. Griswold. The children of Michael and Ann Griswold are numbered "2" through "10"; the children of "2" (Thomas Griswold) are numbered "11" through "16," and so on. Throughout the present history, the numbers assigned by Glenn E. Griswold to the members of the Michael Griswold line are given in parentheses immediately following the names of the family members.

John Griswold (who married Elizabeth Crittenden) is numbered, by Glenn E. Griswold, "375A."

3. The following information about Francis Griswold (son of George Griswold) is from Volume II (p. 13) of Glenn E. Griswold's history of the Griswold family in England and America:

His family connection is also unknown, but it has been thought he had some connection with Edward, Matthew, or Michael of Connecticut, but we have no proof of this.

4. Given below the list of children of Michael and Ann Griswold are the source works used by Glenn E. Griswold in arriving at the information he presents on Michael and Ann Griswold and their children. A similar listing of source works is given below following the listing of the children of Thomas Griswold (2) and John Griswold (375A); also following the last will and testament of Samuel Griswold (16).

5. The November 1981 issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (Volume III, Number 2) will contain a complete history of the Pioneer Days that were held in Clinton Township from 1915 on. In the meantime, we present here the following preliminary information about the Pioneer Day celebrations that were held in Clinton Township from 1915 to 1942.

At the ceremonies at which the "Early Settlers and Ministers" Monument in Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery was dedicated, August 27, 1915, it was decided to hold a "Pioneer or Old Home Day" each year in Clinton Township. This we learn from the article, "PIONEER DAY AT CLINTON CENTER AS RECORDED IN THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1916," about the Pioneer Day celebration that was held in 1916. The first paragraph of that article reads as follows:

At the dedication of the monument, unveiled on August 27, 1915, at Clinton to the memory of the early settlers of that township and the early ministers of the Clinton Baptist Church, it was resolved to meet each year to honor the memory of the "pioneers of Clinton Township." In accordance with that decision such a gathering was held at the Clinton Centre Church on Sept. 1st [1916]. The ladies of the Congregation served dinner at 12 o'clock which seemed to occupy the undivided attention of a large number for an hour or more.

The originator of the idea of Pioneer Day was Sheldon Norton. This we learn (1) from the newspaper article, "CLINTON CENTER'S PIONEER DAY," that was published in The Wayne Independent on September 9, 1922, about the celebration that took place on September 4, 1922. The fifth paragraph of that newspaper account reads as follows:

Resolutions were passed that expressions of regret be sent to Rev. James Rainey, a former loved and respected pastor, Sheldon Norton, the originator of "Old Home Day" and to Mrs. Laura Loomis, expressing our sorrow that they were unable to be present, and tendering our good wishes for the future; also to Rev. George S. Wendell, with our sympathy in the trials they are enduring in the severe illness of their daughter.

and (2) from the newspaper article, "Pioneer Day At Clinton Center," that was published in The Wayne Independent in September 1935 about the Pioneer Day celebration held that year. The first three paragraphs of that newspaper account read as follows:

Twenty years ago [1915] through the instrumentality of Sheldon Norton and E. M. Peck of Carbondale, a conglomerate rock weighing about six tons was placed in the cemetery at Clinton Center and on that huge stone is a bronze tablet listing the names of the early settlers as well as the early members and pastors of the Clinton Center church.

And on that memorable day, about 400 people from the immediate vicinity and near-by towns, gathered to witness the unveiling and dedication of this monument. At the cemetery a brief history of the first settlers and the early ministers was given by the chairman, E. M. Peck. [This text by E. M. Peck has not come down to us.] After repairing [to] the church auditorium Sheldon Norton gave an interesting and instructive address on his boyhood recollections of these pioneer settlers. [This address by Sheldon Norton has come down to us. In the document archive of Mrs. Lois Norton Curtis of Waymart, PA, is a text entitled, "CLINTON PIONEERS THEIR MEMORY VENERATED by E. M. Peck Pioneer Day Sept. 7, 1915." This text was not written by E. M. Peck; the first paragraph is in the third person--most probably written by the person who typed this text--and the remainder of the text is written from the first-person perspective of Sheldon Norton. The date on this text, in addition, is in error: Pioneer Day in 1915 was on August 27. The date, September 7, 1915, is probably the date that an account of the 1915 Pioneer Day celebration was published in The Wayne Independent.]

At his [Sheldon Norton's] suggestion, it was voted to set apart a day each year for meeting to commemorate the early settlers. It has been subsequently celebrated, on Labor Day [at Clinton Center Baptist Church] for the last two decades. [Beginning in 1920, Pioneer Day celebrations were held on Labor Day. Before 1920, a fixed date for the annual celebration was not established: in 1916 Pioneer Day was celebrated on Friday, September 1, for example.]

The first president of Pioneer Day was Earl Melville Peck, the first vice president was W. E. Rude. Following the death of Earl Melville Peck, on November 19, 1923, W. E. Rude was elected President, and Earl Melville Peck's son, Emmons L. Peck, was elected vice-president. This information about the presidents and vice presidents of Pioneer Day was learned from the minutes of the 1941 Pioneer Day celebration. Contained in those minutes is a text entitled, "In Appreciation," written by Lois Norton Curtis. The first paragraph of that text reads as follows: "Twenty-six years ago 'Pioneer Day' was first established with E. M. Peck as President and W. E. Rude as Vice Pres. After the passing of E. M. Peck to his eternal Home in 1923, W. E. Rude was elected Pres. and Mr. Peck's son, Emmons L. Peck, was elected Vice Pres." The first secretary-treasurer of Pioneer Day was Lois Norton Curtis, who, be it known, was secretary-treasurer for all of the Pioneer Day celebrations held in Clinton Township. We are all very much indebted to Lois Norton Curtis, not only for having recorded virtually all of the information that is known about Clinton Township's Pioneer Days, but also for having recorded, gathered and preserved a vast quantity of information about the history of Wayne County.

At each Pioneer Day it was the custom to have a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Clinton Township give a family history. Here follows a partial listing of the family histories, as well as other programs, that were presented at various Clinton Township Pioneer Days over the years (a complete listing of all of the programs of all the Pioneer Day celebrations held in Clinton Township will be presented in Volume III, Number 2 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA):

August 27, 1915: the first Pioneer Day

The following text, from the document archive of Lois Norton Curtis, is a typewritten copy of what was--or what was perhaps intended to be--a newspaper article about the Pioneer Day celebration held in 1915:

1915

BRIEF HISTORY OF EARLY SETTLERS AND MINISTERS.

(Flint Memorial Dedicated)

Nearly four hundred (400) men, women and children attended the dedication exercises of the monument erected in honor of the early settlers of Clinton township and the founders and ministers of Clinton Baptist Church, on August 27, at the Clinton Church.

A bountiful dinner was served by the ladies of the society, at noon.

The monument is a natural flint conglomerate from the mountain west of the Church, weighing about six (6) tons, standing on a concrete foundation, all costing nearly (\$150.00) One Hundred and Fifty dollars.

The following are the names inscribed on the bronze tablet:

IN MEMORY OF
THE EARLY SETTLERS
OF THIS TOWNSHIP
AND THE FOUNDERS AND
MINISTERS OF THE
CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH

NORTON	REV. ELIJAH PECK
GRENNELL	REV. JOHN SMITZER
NORTH	REV. HORACE JONES
WEST	REV. CHAS. H. HUBBARD
GAYLORD	REV. ALEX. SMITH
GRISWOLD	REV. CHARLES A. FOX
PECK	REV. HENRY CURTIS
Mc MULLEN	REV. GEO. V. WALLING
LOOMIS	REV. JOSEPH CURREN
LEDYARD	REV. JAMES SPENCER
BUNTING	REV. D. P. PURDON
SAUNDERS	REV. B. B. BUNTING
DAVENPORT	REV. J. R. REMSEN
ARNOLD	REV. JAMES RAINEY

ERECTED 1915

The Chairman of the monument committee, E. M. Peck, after speaking of the consummation of the plans for the memorial called on Mrs. Laura Loomis, a daughter of Francis Griswold, and the oldest living descendant present (About eighty nine) to remove the flag of the United States with which the monument was veiled.

The Prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. S. Wendell, pastor of the Baptist Church of Honesdale which was followed by an offering of laurel wreaths by young girls and boys, fourteen (14) in number, representing the fifth and sixth generations of the families named on the tablet. Laurel well becomes a victor, and the early families were victorious in more senses than one, over the wilderness, their own lives and in the influence they exerted over the lives of the oncoming generations.

A brief history of the first settlers of our township, and the families and ministers was given by the chairman which follows:

Coming together as we do in memory of the early settlers of our township, and the families and ministers of the Clinton Baptist Church, causes us to try to recall the conditions of those days when this country was nearly a wilderness.

We do well to honor their names by erecting this lasting and natural monument which represents their rugged and stable characters.

[The remainder of E. M. Peck's brief history of the early settlers of Clinton Township and the founders and ministers of the Clinton Baptist Church has not come down to us.]

On the first Pioneer Day, Sheldon Norton (son of Deacon E. K. Norton) gave his boyhood recollections. (The text of these recollections by Sheldon Norton has come down to us. In the document archive of Mrs. Lois Norton Curtis of Waymart, PA, is a text entitled "CLINTON PIONEERS THEIR MEMORY VENERATED by E. M. Peck Pioneer Day Sept. 7, 1915." This text was not written by E. M. Peck; the first paragraph is in the third person--most probably written by the person who typed this text--and the remainder of the text is written from the first-person perspective of Sheldon Norton. The date of this text, in addition, is in error: Pioneer Day in 1915 was on August 27. The date, September 7, 1915, is probably the date that an account of the 1915 Pioneer Day celebration was published in The Wayne Independent.) In his recollections, Sheldon Norton speaks of the following Clinton Township pioneer families: Peck, Stanton, Stearns, McMullen, Norton, Grennell, Gaylord, Sanders, Griswold. In addition, he refers to the following persons by name: Asa Stanton, Deacon Davenport, Squire West, Alva Norton, Sylvester North, Deacon Rufus Grennell, Reuben Peck, Elder Curtis, Ensign McMullen, Brother Randall, Horace Griswold, David Sanders, Sidney Norton, Milo Gaylord, Samuel Lee, Deacon E. K. Norton, Francis Griswold, Mrs. Francis Griswold, Mrs. Horace Griswold, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. North, Mrs. Alva Norton, Mrs. Reuben Peck, and Mrs. Sheldon Norton.

The following remarks about the 1915 Pioneer Day celebration are from an article entitled, "Pioneer Day At Clinton Center," that was published in The Wayne Independent in 1935:

And on that memorable day [August 27, 1915], about 400 people from the immediate vicinity and near-by towns, gathered to witness the unveiling and dedication of this monument [the "Early Settlers and Ministers" Monument]. At the cemetery a brief history of the first settlers and the early ministers was given by the chairman, E. M. Peck. [This text has not come down to us.] After repairing [to] the church auditorium Sheldon Norton gave an interesting and instructive address on his boyhood recollections of these pioneer settlers. [This is the Sheldon Norton text referred to in the preceding paragraph.]

September 1, 1916: the second Pioneer Day

The following are excerpts from an article, entitled "PIONEER DAY AT CLINTON CENTER AS RECORDED IN THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1916," about the Pioneer Day celebration that took place on September 1, 1916:

Sheldon Norton of Carbondale read some epistles, purported to have been written by a cat to a little girl. The genius of the author was so apparent that one could easily decide who was the cat." [This text has not come down to us.]

Attorney W. H. Lee of Honesdale, born in Clinton, and a resident of the place during his early years, gave some very interesting bits of History of many of those who have passed away but, who are not forgotten, paying a fine tribute to their useful lives. [The text of much of W. H. Lee's address has come down to us. In that text, which is part of the article "PIONEER DAY AT CLINTON CENTER AS RECORDED IN THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1916," W. H. Lee makes reference to, among others, the following persons: William N. Rude, Ensign McMullen, Edmund Randall, E. K. Norton, Samuel Lee, Michael Grinnell, Rev. B. B. Bunting, Presbyterian Minister Rev. Charles S. Dunning of Honesdale, Stephen D. Ward] . . .

The chairman, E. M. Peck, had the honor of reading 'The Old Tin Lantern' written by Sheldon Norton which follows: . . . [This text has come down to us in entirety. It is part of the newspaper article in question.] . . .

Reminiscences of the old families, male and female, were given by Wilford M. Peck of Los Angeles, Calif., son of the late Albert R. Peck of Aldenville. [This text has come down to us. It is entitled "CHARACTERISTICS OF CLINTONIANS Tribute to their memory By E. M. Peck 1916." In the typescript of this text in Lois Norton Curtis' document archive, the author is erroneously given as E. M. Peck. Internal evidence in this text, however, makes it clear that it was written by Wilford M. Peck. Note: Wilford M. Peck is the son of Albert R. Peck of Aldenville. Albert R. Peck is the brother of Earl Melville Peck (06-24-1838--11-19-1923), who married Emeline Ledyard, the daughter of Hiram and Lucinda (Rude) Ledyard. Emmons L. Peck is the son of Earl Melville Peck and Emeline Ledyard. Reuben and Sally Ann (King) Peck are the parents of Earl Melville Peck and Albert R. Peck. In his reminiscences of the pioneer families of Clinton Township, Wilford M. Peck specifically mentions the following families: Gaylord, Peck, Norton, Grennell, North, Griswold, West, McMullen, Ledyard. He refers, in addition, to the following individuals: Virgil Gaylord, Milo Gaylord, Sidney Norton, Hiram Norton, Squire West, Horace Griswold, Francis Griswold, Francis June, Sheldon Norton, E. M. Peck, Deacon Rufus Grennell, Uncle Giles and Joanna Gaylord, Reuben and Sally Ann Peck, E. K. and Clarissa Norton, Sylvester E. North.

Pioneer Day, 1918

A history of the West family was given by George stone.

September 6, 1920

A history of the Griswold family was read. A copy of this history, entitled "HISTORY OF GRISWOLD'S PIONEER DAY," is in the document archive of Lois Norton Curtis, and is given above in entirety in that portion of the text that is about John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden.

September 5, 1921

What follows is an excerpt from a newspaper article (a copy of which is in the document archive of Lois Norton Curtis) entitled "CLINTON PIONEER DAY OBRERVANCE [sic]," about the Pioneer Day celebration that was held in Clinton Township in 1921:

President E. M. Peck of Carbondale, a son of a pioneer, called the assemblage to order and after the Prayer by Rev. Mr. Winkleman, pastor of the Waymart Baptist church, and several songs led by Mr. Curtis, Homer Greene, Esq., of Honesdale was introduced as the orator of the day. Mr. Greene was at his best and delivered a fine address. He spoke of the principles which actuated the pioneers and commended their loyalty to the church, their devotion to what they believed to be right and their Americanism. . . . Pastor W. A. McKenzie delivered a pointed and appreciative address, referring to the splendid oration by Mr. Greene and the principles which actuated the settlers of this country in the preservation of the fundamentals which go to make up our great republic. Chairman Peck read an interesting reminiscence of the pioneers as he remembered them, mentioning them by name. [This text has not come down to us.]

From this 1921 newspaper article, we learn that it was decided, in 1920, to hold Pioneer Day every year on Labor Day:

The fourth annual "Pioneer Day" at Clinton Center was observed on Monday and in 1920 a motion was made and carried to hold it each year on Labor Day.

Among the addresses delivered at the 1921 Pioneer Day celebration was a biography of Rev. Henry Curtis that was given by Rev. Curtis' grandson, George H. Kanpp of Aldenville.

September 4, 1922

A biography of John Griswold was given by George Curtis. Rev. James Pope, in addition, delivered some remarks about the pioneers of Clinton Township. This we know from the newspaper article, "CLINTON CENTER'S PIONEER DAY" (original copy in Lois Norton Curtis' document archive), that was published on September 9, 1922, wherein is the following statement:

Rev. James Pope, pastor of the South Clinton Baptist church, spoke of the sterling qualities possessed by the early settlers, and the loving memory in which they should and are held.

September 3, 1923

A history of the Gaylord family was presented. In the minutes for 1923, the secretary, Lois Norton Curtis, stated:

Mr. Peck spoke of the great loss sustained by the passing away of Mr. Sheldon Norton since our last meeting. Suitable remarks were given in his memory. He [Sheldon Norton] had some fine enlarged pictures of Deacon Rufus Grennell and his wife, Aunt Harriette, who was his grandmother, and his father, E. K. Norton and wife, which were as per his request presented to the Clinton church by E. M. Peck. [Lois Norton Curtis has subsequently written "(basement)" at this point in the text, meaning that the pictures in question are to be found in the basement of the Clinton Center Baptist Church.] Suitable tributes were given in their memory. Rev. W. K. Newton, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Honesdale was the speaker of the day. His subject was of our forefathers and the causes that led to America becoming a free nation.

September 1, 1924

Mrs. Rena Remsen read a biography of Earl Melville Peck that was written by Mr. Knapp. See minutes of the 1924 Pioneer Day celebration, entitled "Pioneers hear tribute to Peck."

September 6, 1926

Emeline Ledyard Peck gave a history of the Ledyard family. This text, entitled "History of The Ledyard Family" (copy in Lois Norton Curtis' document archive), was "Written and read by Mrs. Emeline Ledyard Peck, at Pleasant Mount, Pa. Pioneer Day at Clinton, Pa. Sept. 6, 1926." Included in the Ledyard family history is information on the Charles Chalker family and information of the Kingsbury family.

September 5, 1927

Grandison Loomis gave a history of the Loomis family; Flora Loomis Brown gave a history of the Reuben Loomis family; Mrs. Augusta Monroe Westgate gave a history of the Aaron Loomis family.

September 3, 1928

Claude Arnold gave a history of the Arnold family. This we know from the article that was published in The Wayne Independent entitled "Pioneer Day Calls Good Crowd" (copy in Lois Norton Curtis' document archive).

September 2, 1929

Ruth Merwin, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bunting, gave a history of the Bunting family.

From the newspaper article, "Pioneer Day At Clinton Centre," published in The Wayne Independent on a Saturday (probably published on September 7, 1929; copy of this article in the document archive of Lois Norton Curtis), we learn that Willie Bartholomay, Norville Curtis, and Prof. Dunseith were active participants in the program of activities in 1929:

Master Willie Bartholomay recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis and is only 5 years old, but every word was distinctly spoken, and emphasis given to the out-standing words and sentences. It could not have been better recited by a senior, of high school. Miss Norvell Curtis then sang The Bells of St. Mary's in a very acceptable manner. . . . The principal speaker of the day was Prof. Dunseith of the Technical high school of Scranton. He gave a vision of the early settlers on their way from their homes to the place in the wilderness that they chose for their homes, and of the hardships they endured.

September 1, 1930

Ralph Randall gave a history of the Randall family.

September 7, 1931

George Perham gave a history of the Perham family.

September 4, 1933

Moses Underwood Squire spoke of his boyhood days in Clinton Township.

Mrs. Verna Varcoe gave a mental picture "A Century Ago."

Superintendent A. H. Howell gave an address entitled "A Century of Progress"

September 3, 1934

Dorothy Curtis gave an oration entitled "The Value of Character."

Mr. Pennell gave a tribute to "The Pioneers' Honesty in all things."

September 2, 1935

The following information about the program that was presented at Pioneer Day 1935 is from the newspaper article entitled "Pioneer Day At Clinton Center" (copy in Lois Norton Curtis' document archive):

The Life of Roger Williams, written by Rev. Dr. Roger Williams of Greensburg, Pa. Rev. Mr. Williams supplied our pulpit during his summer vacation, while attending school at Bucknell about 35 years ago. The paper was read by Mrs. Hobart Curtis. . . . discussion, What Has the Life of Roger Williams Contributed to Our Nation, Politically, Socially and Religiously?
a. Politically, by Rev. Dr. Pugh, Waymart
b. Socially, by Rev. M. D. Singer, Aldenville
c. Religiously, by Rev. Dr. Fulton, Carbondale."

September 7, 1936

From a newspaper article entitled "Clinton Center Held Annual Pioneer Day" (copy of article in Lois Norton Curtis' document archive), we learn that Rev. A. D. Merrill was the speaker of the day at Pioneer Day 1936:

Rev. A. D. Merrill of the Hawley Baptist Church was the speaker of the day and the address was appropriate along the lines of lessons from the lives of the pioneers with present day application of each ones duty to his home, to his church and to his nation.

September 5, 1938

In the minutes of the 1938 Pioneer Day celebration, Lois Norton Curtis noted:

Rev. Straw of the Honesdale Presbyterian church gave the address giving the Life of P. P. Bliss.

September 2, 1940

Augusta Gertrude Curtis gave a tribute, entitled "In the Nineties" (copy in Lois Norton Curtis' document archive), to four present or former Clintonians in their nineties: Mr. George Perkins, Mrs. Emma Goodrich, Mr. Grandison Loomis, and Mrs. Amanda Cramer.

Lois Norton Curtis read "A Reminiscence" (copy included in minutes of Pioneer Day 1940) that she wrote, the subject being the different types of programs and tributes that have been given to the pioneer families and others at Pioneer Days in Clinton Township.

September 1, 1941

A tribute to W. E. Rude (d. 06-02-1941) was given by Lois Norton Curtis (see text entitled "In Appreciation" in Lois Norton Curtis' document archive).

Note:

Pioneer Day celebrations are known to have taken place in the following years: 1915, 1916, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1942.

We know that celebrations took place in those years because of the existence of either newspaper articles or of minutes taken by the Pioneer Day secretary, Lois Norton Curtis. All of these newspaper articles and minutes are in the document archive of Lois Norton Curtis.

The first Pioneer Day celebration took place in 1915. The last Pioneer Day celebration of which there is any record took place in 1942. No information has come down to us that indicates that celebrations were held in 1917, 1919 and 1925.

An interesting document about the Pioneer Day celebrations that were held in Clinton Township prior to 1942 is the letter that Arthur Curtis wrote to Mrs. Lois Norton Curtis on September 4, 1942. That letter is as follows:

Moses Taylor Hospital
Scranton, Pennsylvania
September 4, 1942

Mrs. Lois Curtis, Secretary
Clinton Center Pioneer Day Association
Wayne County, Pennsylvania

Dear Lois:

As you know, the recent operation from which I am now recovering will prevent me from attending the "Pioneer Day" celebration to be held Monday, September 7, 1942. This is a matter of considerable regret because it will be the first meeting I have missed in the past twenty-four years.

Please convey my best wishes to everyone present and thank those who have so kindly sent letters while I have been at the Hospital.

Yours,

[signed] Sincerely Yours,
Arthur Curtis

What does Arthur Curtis mean when he states: "This is a matter of considerable regret because it [the 1942 Pioneer Day celebration] will be the first meeting I have missed in the past twenty-four years." Does he mean that "every year for the past 24 years there has been a Pioneer Day celebration and I have attended all those celebrations"--in which case Pioneer Day celebrations took place in 1919 and 1925. Does he mean that "every year during the past twenty-four years in which there has been a Pioneer Day celebration I have been in attendance"--in which case we can not deduce from Arthur Curtis' statement whether or not Pioneer Day celebrations were held in 1917, 1919 and 1925.

PLEASE NOTE:

The November 1981 issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (Volume III, Number 2) will be about the pioneer settlers and ministers of Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA. Readers who have texts about, or photographs of, those settlers and ministers or other pioneer families of Clinton Township who would like to have those texts and/or photographs included in the November 1981 issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA are requested to write (or otherwise get in touch with) the Editor or either Donald or Robert Powell.

6. A photograph of Francis Griswold and a photograph of Jane Loomis appear in Volume I, Number 1 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA on page 6.

In Phineas G. Goodrich's History of Wayne County (p. 328) is the following information about Francis Griswold:

John Griswold, Sen. [375A], was the father of Francis Griswold, who for many years kept what was called the Cold Water tavern; so called because it was near a stream of cold water that came rushing down from the mountain. Sumner was another son, and was a farmer. Horace was a son or grandson of John Griswold, Sen."

In Edna Loomis' 1955 book, Ancestry of Ora Loomis Russell [and] Edna Loomis Loomis [and] Descendants of Ora Loomis Russell (p. 40) is the following information about Francis Griswold:

Francis Griswold for many years kept what was called the Cold Water Tavern; so called because it was near a stream of cold water that came rushing down the mountain. He was a pioneer of Clinton Twp., from Massachusetts, a sturdy business man. In addition to his hundreds of acres of land, he purchased one thousand acres from the government. He was noted for his benevolence and interest in public advancement.

Note: The Cold Water Tavern became, on 05-01-1871, the property of Henry Banning Curtis and Louisa Griswold. The former Cold Water Tavern is presently the residence of Mrs. Lois Norton Curtis.

In Alfred Matthews' history of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania (p. 581) is the following information about Francis Griswold and family:

Among the hardiest of the pioneers [of Clinton Township] may be mentioned Francis and Horace Griswold. There were other members of the family; among them Sedata [sic] and Orrin. Francis cleared up the land which now includes the farms of [1] Mrs. H. B. Curtis [the former Cold Water Tavern]; [2] the old homestead, now occupied by Mr. Fred Bucklisch, who married the widow of Mr. Griswold's son, Homer, who is the estimable daughter of Mr. Charles Van Meter, now of Susquehanna County. [3] [the Hiram Loomis farm] [4] [the Nathan Griswold farm]. All these farms were cleared and made to increase an 'hundredfold,' through the indomitable will and faithful, steady and persistent labors of Mr. Griswold, whose memory is very gratefully cherished by the community in which he lived and by the people of the Baptist Church, of which he was a deacon for many years. He died September 8, 1869.

Note: The "old homestead" referred to in the above paragraph is the homestead established by John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden at the foot of the Moosic Mountain, south east of the Moosic Grange Hall.

At the Griswold Reunion 1978, Alice Mae (Curtis) Williams made the following statement to the author: "The foundation stones of the house that John Griswold built are up in back here [AMCL pointed to the area to the east and slightly to the south of the Moosic Grange Hall]."

For more information on the residences of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden in Wayne County, see the fifth and sixth paragraphs of the text entitled, "HISTORY OF GRISWOLD'S PIONEER DAY," in the main text under the heading "VI. JOHN GRISWOLD (375A)."

On August 27, 1915, at the dedication of the "Early Settlers and Ministers" Monument in Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery, Sheldon Norton gave an address in which are contained his recollections of his boyhood days in Clinton Township. That address, erroneously entitled "CLINTON PIONEERS THEIR MEMORY VENERATED by E. M. Peck Pioneer Day Sept. 7, 1915" [see footnote number 5 (above) for a discussion of this text and its erroneous title in the copy in the document archive of Mrs. Lois Norton Curtis], is a valuable source of information about the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township. The second paragraph of that address contains the following information about Francis Griswold:

Time will only allow me to mention a few of the men who impressed me most, and Francis Griswold stands out as a character that for his time is typical of the men of today who in common language are called captains of industry. He was always up and doing and his energy and push made others work also. What Clinton owes to Francis Griswold we can not tell. He was a power for good in the community not only for its material well being but of its moral and spiritual growth.

From Matthews' history of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties (p. 587), we also learn that Francis Griswold was appointed by Governor Porter as a commissioner to examine the Lackawaxen Turnpike:

Governor David R. Porter, November 28, 1839, appointed Austin Davenport, Francis Griswold and David S. West commissioners to examine said turnpike road [the Lackawaxen Turnpike]; and on the recommendation of the commissioners licensed the president, managers, etc., to erect gates for the collection of tolls from all persons traveling on the turnpike with horses, cattle, carts and carriages.

From Phineas G. Goodrich (pp. 328-329), we learn that Luther Ledyard and Francis Griswold were neighbors:

There were many families [in Clinton Township] that have not been mentioned which from time to time added materially to the wealth and importance of the town, among whom were... Luther Ledyard, a farmer, who lived adjoining Francis Griswold.

In Volume III (p. 271) of Glenn E. Griswold's history of the Griswold family in England and America is the following information about Francis Griswold:

839 FRANCIS, b. near Norwich, Mass., Nov. 14, 1793 (John⁵, John⁴, Samuel³, Thomas², Michael¹); m. Mar. 20, 1821, Jane Loomis,

b. Mar. 11, 1792, d. of Aaron and Anne (Annis) Armira Loomis, of Torrington, Conn., who died Sept. 8, 1869.

They settled at Clinton, Wayne county, Pa. Census there 1840 shows self and wife, four sons and four daughters. Census 1860 shows him æ. 66; Jane, æ. 68; Nathan, æ. 28.

Their children: 1686 LOUIS, b. Jan. 31, 1822; d. Jan. 6, 1832. 1687 ALVIN, b. Apr. 22, 1824; d. Sept. 1849. 1688 LAURA, b. July 7, 1826. 1689 LOUISA, b. Nov. 2, 1828. 1690 NATHAN, b. Mar. 31, 1832. 1691 HOMER, b. Mar. 14, 1835.

N.E. Penn. Bio. (Beers); 86; 1468-70; Huntington, Mass., records.

7. Photographs of Laura Griswold and Hiram Pease Loomis are given in Volume I, Number 1 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (p. 4). A great deal of additional information about Laura Griswold and Hiram Pease Loomis is also given in Volume I, Number 1 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, which is a portrait of Theron Orsemus Loomis (son of Laura Griswold and Hiram Pease Loomis) and his wife, Mary Emma Squire.

In Volume V of the history of the Griswold family in England and America (compiled and edited by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend from the notes of the late Glenn E. Griswold), is the following information about Laura Griswold (p. 86):

#1688 LAURA (Francis 839-Michael 1) b. 7 July 1820? 1826? Wayne co., Penna. m. 20 March 1846 Aldenville, Pa. Hiram P. Loomis, b. 9 Dec. 1819 Mt. Pleasant, Penna. d. August 1900

8. For photographs of, and a great deal of information about, Theron Orsemus Loomis and Mary Emma Squire, see Volume I, Number 1 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA: "A Portrait of Theron Orsemus Loomis 1848-1911 and Mary Emma Squire 1854-1948 of Clinton Township, Wayne County, and Carbondale, Lackawanna County, PA."

9. A photograph of Ora Esmarilda Loomis is given in Volume I, Number 1 (p. 5) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

William Anderson Russell is the son of James Russell (06- -1815, Scotland--05-28-1872, Fell Twp., Lackawanna County, PA; interred Maplewood Cemetery, Carbondale, PA) and Margaret Gillespie Locke (01-01-1833, Scotland--12-31-1904, Fell Twp., Lackawanna County, PA; interred Maplewood Cemetery, Carbondale, PA). James Russell and Margaret Gillespie Locke were married on 01-01-1851 at 35 River Street, Carbondale, PA.

James Russell is the son of John Russell (1778, Dumfries, Scotland--11-20-1840, Elkdale, PA; interred Elkdale Cemetery) and Christina Anderson (1781, Scotland--03-14-1861, Carbondale, PA; interred Elkdale Cemetery). Margaret Gillespie Locke is the daughter of Jeanette Gillespie (1799, Dumfries, Scotland--1872, Carbondale, PA; interred on 06-14-1872 in Maplewood Cemetery, Carbondale, PA) and George Locke (born and died in Scotland). Jeanette Gillespie's first husband was a Mr. Murray.

10. Albert Wesley Winter is the son of Arthur P. Winter and Fannie Durschimer. Arthur P. Winter is the son of Charles D. Winter (1850-1902; interred Valley View Cemetery, Montdale, PA) and Jennie M. Wells (1849-1936; interred Valley View Cemetery, Montdale, PA).

11. Samuel James Montello is the son of Anthony Montello (b. 12-07-1903, Realmonte, Sicily) and Frances Elizabeth Barone (b. 05-01-1911, Rochester, NY--d. 01-14-1959, Rochester, NY; interred Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, NY). Anthony Montello and Frances Elizabeth Barone were married on 12-03-1932. Anthony Montello is the son of Salvatore Mondello (03-19-1872, Raffadali, Sicily--10-02-1949, Realmonte, Sicily; interred Realmonte, Sicily) and Maria Giovanna Yacono (11-23-1884, Sicily--06-21-1940, Realmonte, Sicily; interred Realmonte, Sicily). Frances Elizabeth Barone is the daughter of Vincenzo Barone and his second wife, Ursula Lanza (b. 11-02-1879, Villalba, Sicily--d. Rochester, NY; interred Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, NY).

12. Walter Silas Powell is the son of Silas Powell (08-31-1881, Plymouth, PA--09-14-1965, Scranton, PA; interred Shady Lane Cemetery, Chinchilla, PA) and Fanny Olivia Reese (12-25-1885, Scranton, PA--05-08-1953, Scranton, PA; interred Shady Lane Cemetery, Chinchilla, PA). Silas Powell and Fanny Olivia Reese were married in Scranton on 10-19-1909.

Silas Powell is the son of John W. Powell and Mary Howell, of Plymouth, PA; both are interred in Taylor Cemetery, Taylor, PA. Fanny Olivia Reese is the daughter of the Welsh poet, Athenydd, ne James W. Reese (1848, Aberdare, South Wales--1929, Scranton, PA; interred Shady Lane Cemetery, Chinchilla, PA) and Frances Davies (1855, Rhonney, South Wales--1943, Scranton, PA; interred Shady Lane Cemetery, Chinchilla, PA). James W. Reese and Frances Davies were married at 6 A.M. on 05-09-1874 in Scranton, PA.

13. Ann Marie Swindlehurst is the daughter of John Richard Swindlehurst (b. 02-03-1917, Carbondale, PA) and Marian Romayne Fletcher (b. 12-10-1917, Carbondale, PA). John Richard Swindlehurst and Marian Romayne Fletcher were married on 06-07-1941.

John Richard Swindlehurst is the son of Richard Robinson Swindlehurst (09-06- - Clifford Twp.--09- -1951; interred Willow Grove Cemetery) and Mabel Mitchell (09-14- - Peckville, PA--10- -1964, Carbondale, PA; interred in Willow Grove Cemetery). Marian Romayne Fletcher is the daughter of Walter Tyler Fletcher (01-07-1893, Susquehanna, PA--07- -1969, Greenfield Twp.; interred Sandy Bank Cemetery) and Margaret Virginia Tucker (08-30-1893, Carbondale, PA--07-30-1920, Carbondale, PA; interred Canaan Corners Cemetery, Wayne County, PA). Walter Tyler Fletcher and Margaret Virginia Tucker were married on 09- -1914.

14. A photograph of Edna Pearl (Loomis) Loomis is given in Volume I, Number 1 (p. 5) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

15. Photographs of Francis Earl Loomis and Mary Paynter are given in Volume I, Number 1 (p. 6) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

16. Photographs of Louisa Griswold and Henry Banning Curtis are given in Volume I, Number 1 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (p. 6).

The following information about Louisa Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend in Volume V of the history of the Griswold family in England and America (p. 86):

#1689 LOUISA (Francis 839-Michael 1) b. 2 Nov. 1828 Wayne co., Pa.

17. A photograph of Nathan Griswold is given on page 4 of Volume I, Number 1 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

The following information about Nathan Griswold and family is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend in Volume V of the history of the Griswold family in England and America (p. 86):

#1690 NATHAN (Francis 839-Michael 1) b. 31 March 1832 Wayne co., Pa. m. ?Ellen Goodrich

CHILDREN:

#2837 1. William Goodrich b. 1854 1870 census of Aldenville, Pa. lists Nathan as farmer æ 38 b. Pa., Ellen æ 42, William Goodrich æ 16

18. Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86) reports the following information about Homer Griswold:

#1691 HOMER (Francis 839-Michael 1) b. 14 March 1835 Wayne co., Pa. m. Alzina

CHILDREN:

#2838 1. Francis b. 1870 1870 census Aldenville, Pa. lists Homer as merchant æ 35; Alzina æ 24, Francis æ 5 months

In Matthews (p. 581) is the following information about Homer and Alzina Griswold:

... Francis [Griswold] cleared up the land which now includes the farms of Mrs. H. B. Curtis; the old homestead, now occupied by Mr. Fred Bucklisch, who married the widow of Mr. [Francis] Griswold's son, Homer, who is the estimable daughter of Mr. Charles Van Meter, now of Susquehanna County...

19. The first wife of Christian Jonathan Stiles was Norah J. Gaylord (1863-1887; interred CCBC).

20. The following information about Orrin Griswold and family is reported by Glenn E. Griswold (Volume III, p. 271):

840 ORRIN, b. near Norwich, Mass., 1796 (John⁵, John⁴, Samuel³, Thomas², Michael¹); m. Lois Deming, who died 1875. Orrin died 1878. Census record 1870 shows his æ. 74. Farmer; settled in Mount Pleasant township, Wayne county, Pa.

Their children: 1692 ALFRED, b. 1822. 1693 RUFUS, b. Feb. 1824. 1694 AMBROSE, b. 1828, unm. 1695 MARY. Lula Drake, adopted.

N. E. Penn. Bio. (Beers); Huntington, Mass., records.

21. The following information about Alfred Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1692 ALFRED (Orrin 840-Michael 1) b. 1822 Mt. Pleasant, Pa. m. Sarah A. Lowery

22. The following information about Rufus Griswold and family is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1693 RUFUS (Orrin 840-Michael 1) b. Feb. 1824 Mt. Pleasant, Pa. m. Nancy Mills

CHILDREN:

#2839 1. Owen b. 1853 Census 1870 Aldenville, Pa. lists Rufus æ 45, Nancy æ 32, Owen æ 17

23. The following information about Mary Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1695 MARY (Orrin 840-Michael 1) b. Mt. Pleasant, Pa. m. Hiram Dibble

24. Glenn E. Griswold (Volume III, p. 271) reports the following information about Sumner Griswold and family:

841 SUMNER, b. 1798 (John⁵, John⁴, Samuel³, Thomas², Michael¹); m. Clarissa Gelet, b. Oct. 30, 1809, d. of George and Rebecca (Whaley) Gelet, of Gibson township, Wayne county, Pa.

Census of 1860, Aldenville, Wayne county, shows him a farmer æ. 62, b. in Mass. Clarissa, æ. 51, b. in Conn. Daniel, æ. 23; Louis, æ. 20; Jennett, æ. 17; Jesse, æ. 14; O. (Poss. Orrin), æ. 12.

Their children: 1696 DANIEL, b. 1837. 1697 LOUIS, b. 1840. 1698 JENNETT, b. 1843. 1699 JESSE, b. 1846. 1700 O., b. 1848.

25. The following information about Daniel Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1696 DANIEL (Sumner 841-Michael 1) b. 1837 Wayne Co., Pa.

26. The following information about Louis Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1697 LOUIS (Sumner 841-Michael 1)
b. 1840 Wayne Co., Pa.

27. The following information about members of the Rickerson (perhaps "Rickinson") family is reported in the minutes of the Griswold Reunions:

Keith Anthony Rickerson, b. 07-04-1944
Kenneth A. Rickerson, d. 04-22-1946
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Rickinson
dau., Joann, b. 05-15-1953
Jo Ann Rickinson, d. 07-17-1959

28. The following information about Jennett Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1698 JENNETT (Sumner 841-Michael 1)
b. 1843 Wayne Co., Pa.

29. Electa Marie Griswold is not listed, either by Glenn E. Griswold or Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend, as a descendant either of Sumner Griswold or of any other of the children of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. The author is not able to offer any explanation for this omission.

30. The following information about Jesse Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1699 JESSE (Sumner-Michael 1)
b. 1846

31. The following information about Oliver Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1700 OLIVER (Sumner [841]-Michael 1)
b. 1848 Wayne Co., Pa.

32. The stone that marks the grave of Angeline Griswold bears an inscription that is, at present, very difficult to read. As far as the author and Donald W. Powell were able to determine in August, 1980, the year of the death of Angeline Griswold--as reported in the inscription on the stone that marks her grave--is 1861.

This same tombstone marks the graves of Oliver Griswold and Lewis Griswold, two of the brothers of Angeline Griswold. Like the inscription about Angeline Griswold, those about Oliver Griswold and Lewis Griswold are very difficult to read at present. A first reading suggests that Lewis Griswold died May 13, 1861 and that Oliver Griswold died in December, 1856.

33. Glenn E. Griswold (Volume III, p. 272) reports the following information about Horace Griswold and family:

842 HORACE, b. 1801 (John⁵, John⁴, Samuel³, Thomas², Michael¹). His wife was Louisa, whose name and parentage has not been found. Census of 1860, Aldenville, Wayne county, Pa., shows him a farmer, æ. 59, b. in Mass.; Louisa, æ. 51, b. in Mass. Children b. in Pa., Silas æ. 30; Asher, æ. 28; Rhoda, æ. 26; Cornelia, æ. 22; John, æ. 18; Charles, æ. 16; Mildred, æ. 9.

Their children: 1701 SILAS, b. 1830.
1702 ASHER, b. 1832. 1703 RHODA, b. 1834.
1704 CORNELIA, b. 1838. 1705 JOHN, b. 1842.
1706 CHARLES, b. 1844. 1707 MILDEN, b. 1851.

34. The following information about Silas Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1701 SILAS (Horace 842-Michael 1)
b. 1830 Wayne Co., Pa.

35. The following information about Asher Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1702 ASHER (Horace 842-Michael 1)
b. 1832 Wayne Co., Pa.

36. The following information about Rhoda Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 86):

#1703 RHODA (Horace 842-Michael 1)
b. 1834 Wayne Co., Pa.

37. The following information about Cornelia Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#1704 CORNELIA (Horace 842-Michael 1)
b. 1838 Wayne Co., Pa.

38. The following information about John Griswold and family is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#1705 JOHN (Horace 842-Michael 1)
b. 1842 Wayne Co., Pa.
m. Minnie . . . b. Germany

CHILDREN:

#2840 1. Louisa M.
1870 census of Aldenville, Pa. lists John æ 28, Minnie æ 25 b. Germany and Louisa M. æ 2

39. The following information about Louisa May Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#2840 1. Louisa M.
1870 census of Aldenville, Pa. lists . . . Louisa M. æ 2

40. The following information about Charles G. Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#1706 CHARLES (Horace 842-Michael 1)
b. 1844 Wayne Co., Pa.

41. The following information about Malden J. Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#1707 MILDEN [sic] (Horace 842-Michael 1)
b. 1851 Wayne Co., Pa.

42. The following information about Sedate Griswold and family is reported by Glenn E. Griswold (Volume III, p. 272):

843 SEDATE, b. Norwich, Mass., Oct. 1, 1802 (John⁵, John⁴, Samuel³, Thomas², Michael¹)
His wife was Nancy, name and parentage unknown.

Removed to Wayne county, latter settling in Susquehanna county, Pa. Farmer; became a large land owner and prominent citizen.

Census of 1850 shows him a farmer, æ. 47, b. in Mass. Nancy, æ. 47, b. in Mass. Amelia, æ. 19; Julius, æ. 15; Ann, æ. 12, Emeline, æ. 10; Henry, æ. 7; Mahala, æ. 5; Jane, æ. 16.

He died May 20, 1862. Administration of his estate, Montrose, Pa., probate, mentions Nancy, widow; Henry S. Griswold, administrator.

Their children: 1708 AMELIA, b. 1831. 1709 JANE, b. 1834; d. July 26, 1856. 1710 JULIUS, b. 1835; d. July 14, 1864. 1711 ANN, b. 1838. 1712 EMELINE, b. 1840. 1713 HENRY, b. 1843. 1714 MAHALA, b. 1845.

Huntington, Mass., records; Susquehanna County (Blackman); Susquehanna cemetery inscriptions.

43. The following information about Amelia Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#1708 AMELIA (Sedate 843-Michael 1)
b. 1831 Wayne Co., Pa.

44. The following information about Julius Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#1710 JULIUS (Sedate 843-Michael 1)
b. 1835
d. 14 July 1864

45. The following information about Anna Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#1711 ANN (Sedate 843-Michael 1)
b. 1838

46. The following information about Emeline Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#1712 EMELINE (Sedate 843-Michael 1)
b. 1840

47. The following information about Henry Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#1713 HENRY (Sedate 843-Michael 1)
b. 1843

48. The following information about Mahala Griswold is reported by Mrs. Charles Delmar Townsend (Volume V, p. 87):

#1714 MAHALA (Sedate 843-Michael 1)
b. 1845.

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NOTE: Volume II, Number 1 (August 20, 1980, pp. 28-32) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA contains the most comprehensive bibliography for the eleven counties of northeastern Pennsylvania that has ever been compiled. The reader is advised to consult that bibliography, compiled by Donald W. Powell, whenever it is a question of the published history of northeastern Pennsylvania.

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From the Editor:

The author of this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, S. Robert Powell, synthesizes herein a great deal of information about (1) the Clinton Township Pioneer Days that were celebrated in the period 1915-1942 and in 1978, and (2) the Clinton Center Baptist Church. In addition, he presents, in the Genealogical and Local History Notes in this issue, a great many data about Clinton Township: township histories, family histories, cemetery inscriptions, personal recollections by township residents, photographs of prominent citizens of the past and of their equally prominent descendants, a detailed account of the seventy-fifth annual Griswold Reunion.

Two previous issues of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, both of which were written by S. Robert Powell, are primarily about Clinton Township.

Volume I, Number 1 (August 15, 1979)

A Portrait of Theron Orsemus Loomis (1848-1911) and Mary Emma Squire (1854-1948) of Clinton Township, Wayne County, and Carbondale, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

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Mary Ann, Lucinda, and Mehitabel Muzzey. Daguerreotype, in the collection of Mabel Bunting, South Canaan, PA; copy print by Donald W. Powell. The Muzzey family was one of the pioneer families of Clinton Township, Wayne County. In about 1825, Pliny and Mary (Draper) Muzzey and family (their three daughters are shown at left) moved to Clinton Township from the state of Massachusetts, and bought the farm that in 1886 was owned by Hiram Pease Loomis and his wife, Laura Griswold. Mary Ann Muzzey married Bigelow; Lucinda Muzzey married Hiram Norton; Mehitabel Muzzey married Erastus W. Loomis (see biographical sketch and line engraving of Erastus W. Loomis on page 27 of this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA). Among the other early photographs in the collection of Mabel Bunting are the following: (1) Edwin Muzzey and His Wife, Mary Otis. Daguerreotype; (2) Lucinda (Muzzey) Norton. Daguerreotype; (3) Hiram Norton. Daguerreotype; (4) Sarah (Draper) Gates. Ambrotype on light amethyst; Sarah (Draper) Gates is the twin sister of Mary (Draper) Muzzey; (5) Roswell Norton, Age 21, and Mary Norton, Age 11. Ambrotype on light amethyst; (6) Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Muzzey. Ambrotype with back painted black; (7) Netty and Natty Muzzey. Ambrotype with back painted black. Netty and Natty Muzzey are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Muzzey. Presented in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA are (1) the history of the Clinton Township Pioneer Day celebrations that were held in the period 1915-1942 and in 1978, (2) the history of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, and (3) Genealogical and Local History Notes that are primarily about Clinton Township, Wayne County.

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, PA: PIONEER SETTLERS

The history of the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township that is presented in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA on pages 1-13 is structured in terms of the Pioneer Day celebrations that were held in Clinton Township in the period 1915-1942 and in 1978. In writing this history, we have relied extensively on the large quantity of information about the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township that was either written by or collected by the late Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis, photographs of whom are given in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA on pages 7 and 26. Were it not for the exemplary historical work in that regard by Lois Curtis, the history of the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township that is given below could not, therefore, have been written.

IDEA FOR PIONEER DAY CONCEIVED

At the ceremonies at which was unveiled the monument in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery "IN MEMORY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS [Clinton] TOWNSHIP AND THE FOUNDERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH," it was decided to hold a "Pioneer or Old Home Day" each year in Clinton Township. This we learn from the article, "PIONEER DAY AT CLINTON CENTER AS RECORDED IN THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1916," about the Pioneer Day celebration that was held in 1916. The first paragraph of that article reads as follows:

At the dedication of the monument, unveiled on August 27, 1915, at Clinton to the memory of the early settlers of that township and the early ministers of the Clinton Baptist Church, it was resolved to meet each year to honor the memory of the "pioneers of Clinton Township." In accordance with that decision such a gathering was held at the Clinton Centre Church on Sept. 1st [1916]. The ladies of the Congregation served dinner at 12 o'clock which seemed to occupy the undivided attention of a large number for an hour or more.

SHELDON NORTON AND EARL MELVILLE PECK

The originator of the idea of Pioneer Day was Sheldon Norton. This we learn (1) from the newspaper article, "CLINTON CENTER'S PIONEER DAY," that was published in *The Wayne Independent* on September 9, 1922, about the celebration that took place on September 4, 1922. The fifth paragraph of that newspaper account reads as follows:

Resolutions were passed that expressions of regret be sent to Rev. James Rainey, a former loved and respected pastor, Sheldon Norton, the originator of "Old Home Day" and to Mrs. Laura Loomis, expressing our sorrow that they were unable to be present, and tendering our good wishes for the future; also to Rev. George S. Wendell, with our sympathy in the trials they are enduring in the severe illness of their daughter.

and (2) from the newspaper article, "Pioneer Day At Clinton Center," that was published in *The Wayne Independent* in September 1935 about the Pioneer Day celebration held that year. The first three paragraphs of that newspaper account read as follows:

Twenty years ago [1915] through the instrumentality of Sheldon Norton and E. M. Peck of Carbondale, a conglomerate rock weighing about six tons was placed in the cemetery at Clinton Center and on that huge stone is a bronze tablet listing the names of the early settlers as well as the early members and pastors of the Clinton Center church.

And on that memorable day, about 400 people from the immediate vicinity and near-by towns, gathered to witness the unveiling and dedication of this monument. At the cemetery a brief history of the first settlers and the early ministers was given by the chairman, E. M. Peck. [A fragment of this text by E. M. Peck is extant.] After repairing [to] the church auditorium Sheldon Norton gave an interesting and instructive address on his boyhood recollections of these pioneer settlers.

At his [Sheldon Norton's] suggestion, it was voted to set apart a day each year for meeting to commemorate the early settlers. It has been subsequently celebrated, on Labor Day [at Clinton Center Baptist Church] for the last two decades. [Beginning in 1920, Pioneer Day celebrations were held on Labor Day. Before 1920, a fixed date for the annual celebration was not established: in 1916 Pioneer Day was celebrated on Friday, September 1, for example.]



Dedication of the Monument in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery "IN MEMORY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS [Clinton] TOWNSHIP AND THE FOUNDERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH," August 27, 1915. Photograph in the collection of the late Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis; enlarged copy print by Donald W. Powell given here. Standing (left to right): Grandison Loomis, (?) Electa Marie (Griswold) Arnold, Sheldon Norton, Laura (Griswold) Loomis, Olga (Griswold) Stiles or Lilly (Ledyard) Nell, James Ensign McMullen or Henry Arnold, man wearing cap, Lydia Perham ("Mother Norton"), woman with hat, Warren Norton, woman not wearing hat, the man wearing the visor cap is possibly E. K. Lee, Mrs. Earl Ledyard, young man in dark hat, George Curtis, Myron Norton ("Father"). Seated (left to right): man holding hat, Francis H. Curtis, William Edward Rude, (?) Harvey Lillie, little boy wearing long tie, man holding hat, man behind young child, young child, man holding hat, (?) Earl Melville Peck. The complete text of the inscription on the bronze plaque on this monument is given on page 3, column 1, of this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.



Pioneer Day, Clinton Township, August 27, 1915. Enlarged copy print, collection of Mrs. Mildred (Rude) Thomas, Carbondale, PA. Shown here, at the north side of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, are some of the four hundred persons who attended the Pioneer Day celebration in Clinton Township on August 27, 1915. On that day, the six ton flint conglomerate stone monument "IN MEMORY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS [Clinton] TOWNSHIP AND THE FOUNDERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH" in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery was dedicated. That monument can be seen in the photograph given at the top of this page. The American flag that draped that monument at the ceremony at which it was dedicated was removed by the oldest descendant of the pioneers in attendance at the dedication ceremony, Laura (Griswold) Loomis, who was born in Clinton Township on 07-07-1826, and who died in Clinton Township on 03-25-1924. On 05-20-1846, at Aldenville, PA, Laura Griswold was married to Hiram Pease Loomis, who was born in Mount Pleasant Township on 12-09-1819, and who died in Clinton Township on 08-27-1900. Laura (Griswold) Loomis is shown in this photograph: of the two women seated in chairs in the front row, she is the one on the right. Readers who can identify any of the other persons shown in this photograph are asked to write to S. Robert Powell, Post Office Box 161, Carbondale, PA 18407-0161. Contained in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA is a history of the Pioneer Day celebrations that were held in Clinton Township in the period 1915-1942, and in 1978. Virtually all of the information that has come down to us about those Pioneer Day celebrations, which were instituted by Earl Melville Peck and Sheldon Norton, was gathered and preserved, be it known, by the late Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis (1894-1981).

1915 DAY OFFICERS

The first Pioneer Day was held in Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pa. on August 27, 1915. The first paragraph of the "Pioneer Day" was first established with E. M. Peck as President and W. E. Rude as Vice Pres. After the passing of E. M. Peck to his eternal home in 1923, W. E. Rude was elected Pres. and Mr. Peck's son, Emmons L. Peck, was elected Vice Pres. The first secretary-treasurer of Pioneer Day was Lois Norton Curtis, who, be it known, was secretary-treasurer for all of the Pioneer Day celebrations held in Clinton Township. We are all very much indebted to Lois (Norton) Curtis, not only for having recorded virtually all of the information that is known about Clinton Township's Pioneer Days, but also for having recorded, gathered and preserved a vast quantity of information about the history of Wayne County.

PIONEER DAY: AUGUST 27, 1915

Among the historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is a one-page, typewritten text that was--or was perhaps intended to be--a newspaper article about the 1915 Pioneer Day celebration. It is from a xerographic copy of that one-page text in Lois Curtis' document archive that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given below.

1915

BRIEF HISTORY OF EARLY SETTLERS AND MINISTERS.

(Flint Memorial Dedicated)

Nearly four hundred (400) men, women and children attended the dedication exercises of the monument erected in honor of the early settlers of Clinton township and the founders and ministers of Clinton Baptist Church, on August 27, at the Clinton Church.

A bountiful dinner was served by the ladies of the society, at noon.

The monument is a natural flint conglomerate from the mountain west of the Church, weighing about six (6) tons, standing on a concrete foundation, all costing nearly (\$150.00) One Hundred and Fifty dollars.

The following are the names inscribed on the bronze tablet:

IN MEMORY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS TOWNSHIP AND THE FOUNDERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH

NORTON	REV. ELIJAH PECK
GRENNELL	REV. JOHN SMITZER
NORTH	REV. HORACE JONES
WEST	REV. CHAS. H. HUBBARD
GAYLORD	REV. ALEX. SMITH
GRISWOLD	REV. CHARLES A. FOX
PECK	REV. HENRY CURTIS
Mc MULLEN	REV. GEO. V. WALLING
LOOMIS	REV. JOSEPH CURREN
LEDYARD	REV. JAMES SPENCER
BUNTING	REV. D. P. PURDON
SAUNDERS	REV. B. B. BUNTING
DAVENPORT	REV. J. R. REMSEN
ARNOLD	REV. JAMES RAINEY

ERECTED 1915

The Chairman of the monument committee, E. M. Peck, after speaking of the consummation of the plans for the memorial called on Mrs. Laura Loomis, a daughter of Francis Griswold, and the oldest living descendant present (About eighty nine) to remove the flag of the United States with which the monument was veiled.

The Prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. S. Wendell, pastor of the Baptist Church of Honesdale which was followed by an offering of laurel wreaths by young girls and boys, fourteen (14) in number, representing the fifth and sixth generations of the families named on the tablet. Laurel well becomes a victor, and the early families were victorious in more senses than one, over the wilderness, their own lives and in the influence they exerted over the lives of the oncoming generations.

A brief history of the first settlers of our township, and the families and ministers was given by the chairman which follows:

Coming together as we do in memory of the early settlers of our township, and the families and ministers of the Clinton Baptist Church, causes us to try to recall the conditions of those days when this country was nearly a wilderness.

As well to honor their names by erecting this lasting and natural monument which represents their rugged and stable characters.

[The remainder of E. M. Peck's brief history of the early settlers of Clinton Township and founders and ministers of the Clinton Baptist Church has not come down to us.]

The following remarks about the 1915 Pioneer Day celebration are from an article entitled, "Pioneer Day At Clinton Center," that was published in The Wayne Independent in 1935:

And on that memorable day [August 27, 1915], about 400 people from the immediate vicinity and near-by towns, gathered to witness the unveiling and dedication of this monument [the monument "IN MEMORY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS TOWNSHIP AND THE FOUNDERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH"]. At the cemetery a brief history of the first settlers and the early ministers was given by the chairman, E. M. Peck. [A fragment of this text has come down to us.] After repairing [to] the church auditorium Sheldon Norton gave an interesting and instructive address on his boyhood recollections of these pioneer settlers. [This is the Sheldon Norton text that is given below.]

On the first Pioneer Day, August 27, 1915, Sheldon Norton gave his boyhood recollections. The text of those recollections has come down to us. That text was preserved by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, and it is from a xerographic copy of Lois Curtis' typed copy of those recollections that the author typed the text that is given below. The text of Sheldon Norton's boyhood recollections that has come down to us is entitled "CLINTON PIONEERS THEIR MEMORY VENERATED BY E. M. Peck Pioneer Day Sept. 7, 1915." This text was not written by E. M. Peck. The first and the final paragraphs are written in the third person--most probably written by the person who typed this copy of Sheldon Norton's recollections--and the remainder of the text is written from the first-person perspective of Sheldon Norton. The date on the typed copy that belonged to Lois Curtis, in addition, is in error: Pioneer Day in 1915 was on August 27. The date, September 7, 1915, is probably the date that an account of the 1915 Pioneer Day celebration was published in The Wayne Independent.

In his recollections, Sheldon Norton speaks of the following Clinton Township pioneer families: Peck, Stanton, Stearns, McMullen, Norton, Grennell, Gaylord, Sanders, Griswold. In addition, he refers to the following persons by name: Asa Stanton, Deacon Davenport, Squire West, Alva Norton, Sylvester North, Deacon Rufus Grennell, Reuben Peck, Elder Curtis, Ensign McMullen, Brother Randall, Horace Griswold, David Sanders, Sidney Norton, Milo Gaylord, Samuel Lee, Deacon E. K. Norton, Francis Griswold, Mrs. Francis Griswold, Mrs. Horace Griswold, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. North, Mrs. Alva Norton, Mrs. Reuben Peck, and Mrs. Sheldon Norton.

CLINTON PIONEERS THEIR MEMORY VENERATED

by Sheldon Norton

Pioneer Day, August 27, 1915

The boyhood recollections of Sheldon Norton of Carbondale, a son of Deacon E. K. Norton, an honored member of Clinton Church, contained most interesting references to pioneer settlers.

The elk's horns on Asa Stanton's front porch are one of the land marks in my boyhood days and I have never passed the house in all of the years that are gone without looking for them. The day dreams of hunting elk and Indians were many and the camp fires that have blazed in my imagination are not a few. Was there ever born in a country where the forests were being cut down, a boy that did not long for a frontier life and to be a second Daniel Boone or a Kit Carson?

As I try to write this story of what I saw, or rather how men and things looked to me, there is unraveled a panorama of moving pictures of men and scenes that run so fast that they seem to blend into one picture, but when I think that more than sixty years have passed away and of the thousands of men and pictures I have seen, it is hard to separate the pictures and not look at the past from the stand point of one who has nearly reached the age of three score and ten.

Clinton was settled by people from Massachusetts and Connecticut with the addition of some from Mount Pleasant which was settled at an early period. Pecks, Stantons, Stearns, McMullens, moved from Mt. Pleasant. The Nortons, Grennells, Gaylords, Sanders and Griswolds were from Massachusetts and Connecticut and these with the families from Mt. Pleasant were the ones who came into what then was a wilderness of hemlock, beech and maple and cleared the land so that they could provide food and clothing for themselves and families and to make homes. We often think of the church as being the only divine institution that the all wise Creator has given man but the God given home was established ages before the church and a godly home is yet God's best earthly gift to man and these men were home builders and were the type that built homes when truth, integrity, industry and thrift were taught and the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man were the controlling principles of their lives.

The Clinton Church was not only the religious center but the social center also. I remember the old church or meeting house but dimly. I well remember the storm that destroyed it as the hail stones broke the windows in our home and I was so frightened that I was behind the stove. I also remember Elder Curtis holding services in the grove back of the present meeting house after the old building was destroyed by the cyclone. Elder Curtis to me, was a man to whom God had given the keys of Heaven and could shut or open them as he thought best. As for the sermons, I have no remembrance of them only as they increased my ideas as to his power to punish sin and reward good. With all my boyish fears, I never for a moment doubted that but Elder Curtis was just and whatever he said must be so and right. The prayer meetings were a pleasure to me. I listened more as a lover of music does to the tones and as I close my eyes and look back, I can hear the tones of Bro. Randall, Deacon Davenport, Horace Griswold, David Sanders, Sidney Norton, Milo Gaylord, Deacon Grennell, Samuel Lee and my Father. The prayers were all more or less scriptural but were a true and beautiful tribute to the lives of the men who were making them. Time will only allow me to mention a few of the men who impressed me most, and Francis Griswold stands out as a character that for his time is typical of the men of today who in common language are called captains of industry. He was always up and doing and his energy and push made others work also. What Clinton owes to Francis Griswold we can not tell. He was a power for good in the community not only for its material well being but of its moral and spiritual growth.

Deacon Davenport was a man who impressed me with his dignity and responsibility. What he did could not be questioned because the law as laid down in the book was thus and so.

Deacon Davenport was a man whom everybody respected as it was easy for us boys to see he lived as the law dictated. As his words were governed by the law so was his life. He was a godly man and his words and actions always showed his reverence for the Great Creator.

Squire West was a great reader and probably the most scholarly of any of the early settlers. He was somewhat of a Dr. and I can remember his old fashioned turn keys with which he pulled teeth. I am of the opinion that he very often broke the jaws of his patients. The characteristic of Squire West was his New England thrift. He was never known to forget to save. It is told that when butter was low he would tell his household they must butter thin as they must sell all the butter they could to get money and when butter was high they must butter thin as they must sell as they could while times were good. We may laugh at the thrift of these olden times, but it was New England thrift that has built our railroads and cities and provided the money to make the wheels go around so that the common people would have work and food.

Alva Norton was one of the original settlers, and was well known in the community as he was not noted for keeping his opinions to himself and was rather radical and prided himself on being a first comer, was not on very friendly terms with some other residents of the place. He was a greater reader and talker than he was a worker. He was not a believer in team work unless he was the team and driver. He was a good man as far as his character was concerned. He was the land surveyor for the community and knew all the corners of the farms and able to settle many questions relating to land lines.

Sylvester North was our near neighbor for years. He was a man everybody liked and he made his home and farm by the work of his own hands. I can well remember when he was telling us boys how worthless and shiftless we were, his eyes would twinkle and he would tell us to go home and go to work. As a boy I often went to his home to dig horse radish and I think Mr. North's words about people and general affairs were somewhat like horse radish, they gave spice and flavor to the life of the settlement. He was ever ready to help anyone in trouble and always carried a hoe when on the highways and for years kept the loose stones out of the roads.

Deacon Rufus Grennell was a true product of the times. He was a man who read and remembered what he read and was the most wonderful Bible student I ever met. He told me he had read the Bible from cover to cover twelve times when he was 14 years old. He was a man of strong opinions but he never forced his opinions on others. In fact he never said very much. When he did say anything he used to put it in very few words. I remember him as one of the least talkative men I ever knew. I have often heard him remark to others "Dwell in the land and surely thou shall be fed." He was of the type of men who have been the backbone of the progress of this County in moral and religious growth. I remember being at a meeting where some young man who was not what he should be was making a long and tearful confession and making promises that he would never more go from the true path again. The Deacon was there and as the young man took his seat, the old Deacon who was seated near the pulpit arose slowly and turned around and calling the young man by name, said, "The devil is not dead yet."

He resumed his seat and that was all he had to say. I remember as a boy playing around his shingle shop, when a young man came to see him and as he talked I finally heard him say he thought he had a call from God to preach. The Deacon did not say anything for some time but kindly calling the man by name said "It might be better for you to go home and hoe potatoes as it might have been some other voice you heard."

The Deacon was very careful not to say anything against others, but at the same time would not vary from the truth.

I remember being out near the road when a man driving a horse and buggy seeing the Deacon stopped and asked him in regard to a man living in the community. Now as the man he asked about was "Good Provider" for his family, he was looked upon by his neighbors as having come very close to committing the unpardonable sin. The Deacon looking at the man

Rev. Geo. S. Wendell dismissed the Congregation.

Again. I lift my eyes yonder where used to be the choir loft and I see a goodly array of men and women, who year in and year out sang the dear old hymns, but who have long since joined the choir invisible. I see Francis June, the leader, pitching the tune with his fork. I see the men and women rise and the long tune book flutter open in a row along the railing. I hear the old familiar voices as they all join in and sing the songs of day before yesterday as if the music was in their souls and must come out. And souls come, years ago, and soared and floated upon the wings of music. I see and they stand in that the happy place, and are singing no. (for ever) ever old Ave Maria and the Great Hallelujah in heaven.

I remember too, E. K. Norton and his wife Clarissa. Surely they were pioneers in all that goes for the improvement of the community and for the best interest among those with whom they lived. Their farm was for many years the experimental station for all modern improvements in agriculture, horticulture and stock raising. Their beautiful home was the scene of all the social and intellectual life of the community. The last evening I saw them in the deaf and dumb hospital. His great fires on the chimney, beamed, the stranger feasted at his board."

I remember also Sylvester E. North. There is no question that he is one of the original pioneers. He had a clear head and a sarcastic tongue when he wanted to use it, which was not infrequently. Remember an argument he had with a minister of the gospel who did not believe that immersion was the only way of baptism. Uncle North cited the fact that Jesus was baptised in the river Jordan. The minister contended that the word in the Greek "in" or "into" could just as well be translated "near" or "close to." Mr. North answered, "My friend, I am very much obliged to you for that bit of information. It explains so much that I did not understand. NOW I see that Daniel was not cast INTO the lions den, but just NEAR or CLOSE TO THE DEN, just so he could have a good view of the show and of the animals. Now I understand that story about Jonah. I never could understand how Jonah could have lived in the whales belly. Now I see, he wasn't in the whale at all only just NEAR, just CLOSE enough to the whale so that he could make a good fish story for all fishermen to try to rival." Needless to say the minister was silenced.

Hardy New England Stock

The pioneers of Clinton came from New England. They came from hardy stock and they all had been trained in the hard schools of poverty and adversity. They were used to digging a scanty living out of the sterile and meager soil of New England where the hard pan was up to the third rail of the fences and where they could raise Indian corn only by following the rule taught them by the Indians by planting three kernels in a hill with a cod fish, New England standard fertilizer under each kernel. They were men and women of faith and courage and individuality. They were each cast in a separate mould, and they preserved their distinct characteristics all their lives. They came through the woods with oxen and wagons or sleds, bringing their simple household furniture and utensils with them. They were busy men and women as they built their log cabins, cleared the land, made their homespun garments and reared their children. They had their simple pleasures too. Mostly "bees" when the men around gathered to help a neighbor build a log barn. The women had their "bees" too, quilting bees, sewing bees, spinning bees and right by they buzzed around the old spinning wheels and looms. It was this custom, as now it is with ladies when they went to spend an afternoon to take their fancy work with them, and their fancy work consisted of perhaps, of a basket of apples to be peeled, cored, quartered, or carpet rags to be sewed, a woolen stocking or sock to be knit. Coming as the Yankees did from Yankee land, they brought some Yankee notions with them, three principally, the home, the school and the Church. Let us take a look at these homes, schools, and churches as they were when the pioneers had them pretty much to their notions. It will give the younger people of this community a higher appreciation of the struggles and privations of these pioneer days and may kindle in all our hearts a higher appreciation too, of the beautiful homes, and splendid schools and pleasant churches we enjoy today.

The log cabin the pioneer built was not the home he came to establish here. The log cabin was but his temporary building. The ideal home he came to build was a thing of slower growth. When he laid the hearth stone of his ideal home, he laid it deep and wide and substantial for he knew he was building for the future a home from which should go influence for the uplifting of the community. On the hearth stone rose the great stone fire place up whose massive chimney the smoke curled in summer and the great fires roared in winter and through which he could see the stars by night. In the fireplace swung the long crane with hooks for pots and kettles and pans in which the cooking was done. Beside the fire place was the great oven in which fires were built to heat it, and out from which came the best bread and pies and cakes--pies and cakes and bread so good that to this day when a baker wants to advertise he calls his cakes and bread and pies the kind your Mother used to make. Speaking of that old fire place, there goes a tradition with it that no young lady of those days was quite fit to get married till she could put a slap-jack on the griddle she held by the long handle, over the fire. A flap-jack or pancake as it is called now, that was eight inches in diameter and a half inch thick in the middle - and when it was baked on one side, give it a throw up the great chimney, run out doors and catch it bottom side up out side in the yard when it came down. I don't vouch for the truth of this tradition, but this I do know that the girls of those times must have had some vigorous exercise for in later days they could wield a slipper to some purpose in places where it would be the most effective and in other ways direct most vigorously the pathway for wayward youth.

These old homes our fathers built are sacred places. In them are rooms hallowed by the faces of grandmother that have smiled down the generations, hallowed, too, by births and weddings and funerals. There are old pieces of furniture--tables and chairs and cupboards, that keep you from forgetting that you were once a boy; old looking glasses that have caught the shadows of faces and forms that were, but are no more; old hair cloth sofas down whose slippery arms you used to slide when a boy, and on whose cushions you lay when the mumps, the chicken pox and the fevers came while over you watched a Mother or grandmother, with home brewed herb tea which said good by to the bitter pills and the Doctors bills. There in the chambers too, are the old feather beds, for which you needed a ladder to get in and a derrick to get out, and which were about the best places in the world for a boy on a winter night, even though the snow blew in and laid an extra counter pane on the bed, white and lace-like and soft as down. Up in the garret are old horse hide trunks, with the hair on and with brass nails driven to make initials and full of old documents that go way back like a genealogy. And there are old pictures hung on

a wall in a row, mostly certificates of marriage or documents which certify that this or that member of the family contributed dollars to and was a member of the Baptist Missionary society. - Dollars that went to keep Dr. Judson and Ann Judson and Sarah Judson and Emily Judson, and Gordon Hall and Dr. Kincaid in far away Asia, where they labored in the vineyard of the Lord, and where the end came. Ann Judson found a grave under the hopia tree at Amherst in Burmah, Sarah Judson a grave on the lonely storm swept island of St. Helena and Dr. Judson a resting place some where beneath the wild waves of the Southern seas, but whose grave, like that of Moses, in a vale of the land of Moab, by Nebo's lonely mountain, no man knoweth until this day.

Among the historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is one entitled "PIONEER DAY AT CLINTON CENTER AS RECORDED IN THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1916." It is from a xerograph-copy of that text--which, in all probability, was written by Lois Curtis--that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given herebelow.

PIONEER DAY AT CLINTON CENTER AS RECORDED IN THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1916

Descendents of Early Settlers Gather at Baptist Church. TALKS AND REMINISCENCES

Speakers Sheldon Norton, W. M. Peck and Wm. H. Lee--Delightful Meeting and Good Dinner--Interesting Program--Bits of History--Members of Families Widely Scattered--Three Revolutionary Soldiers' Graves--Dr. Dunning and Politics.

At the dedication of the monument, unveiled on August 27, 1915, at Clinton to the memory of the early settlers of that township and the early ministers of the Clinton Baptist Church, it was resolved to meet each year to honor the memory of the "Pioneers of Clinton Township." In accordance with that decision such a gathering was held at Clinton Centre Church on Sept. 1st. The ladies of the congregation served dinner at 12 o'clock which seemed to occupy the undivided attention of a large number for an hour or more.

At two o'clock those present gathered in the auditorium for the services. The singing was led by Arthur Curtis with the organ, and Mrs. Sangston with her violin. America was first on the program, followed by a prayer by Mr. Sangston, the "Tent Evangelist."

A few fitting and humorous remarks were made by Rev. G. S. Wendell, pastor of the Honesdale Baptist Church. Sheldon Norton of Carbondale read some epistles, purported to have been written by a cat to a little girl. The genius of the author was so apparent that one could easily decide who was the cat. [The text of those epistles by Sheldon Norton has not come down to us.]

Attorney W. H. Lee of Honesdale, born in Clinton, and a resident of the place during his early years, gave some very interesting bits of History of many of those who have passed away but, who are not forgotten, paying a fine tribute to their useful lives. [A portion of W. H. Lee's address is reported in this same newspaper article; see below.]

"Come to the Little Brown Church in the Wildwood" was heartily sung by the choir and audience.

The chairman, E. M. Peck, had the honor of reading "The Old Tin Lantern" written by Sheldon Norton which follows:

THE OLD TIN LANTERN

Some months ago a friend of mine gave me an old fashioned tin lantern, battered, rusty, and worn. In my boyhood days I had seen a few of these inventions in use, made entirely of tin perforated with small holes in many strange and fantastic shapes, through which the feeble rays of a tallow candle were cast on the outer darkness, making a "dim religious light."

Placing the lantern on my desk one evening and putting a lighted candle in it to see what shapes the rays of light would form on the walls of the room, and seating myself in an easy chair, I watched the dancing rays as the candle flickered, thinking what a story this battered, rusty, tin lantern could tell if it only had a voice. My thoughts went back across the years and I remembered the story of my grandmother's journey from Connecticut to Northern Pennsylvania, then an almost unbroken wilderness of hemlock, beech and maple, peopled only with deer, bear, wolves, and small game.

While my thoughts were busy with these past days and my fancy was painting a picture of those olden times and their people, I turned my face toward the old tin lantern, battered, rusty, and worn, and on its peaked top I saw a diminutive figure of "Old Father Time" as I had seen him pictured. His hair was long and white and his whiskers, reaching nearly to his feet, were like the new fallen snow; in his hand was the hour glass with the sands running through and the scythe of time to mow down the pride and grandeur of earth's mightiest works.

As I listened I heard him say, "Wouldst thou learn the simple story of the old tin lantern, battered, rusty, and worn? I am the Spirit of past years and will tell it to you."

The tin plate from which this lantern was made was manufactured in one of the beautiful valleys of Wales; from there it was sent across the wide and ever restless Atlantic by sailing vessel to Boston; then it was carted by ox team to one of those narrow but enchanting valleys of Connecticut where, in a quiet village was the shop of the tin smith; here it was made into its present form, but bright and shining, not as you see it now, old, battered, rusty, and worn.

One day there came to the shop of the tin smith, a young man dressed in homespun clothes from head to foot. In those days the ones who wore the best clothes were the ones who were the most skillful and industrious, as what people had in those days they made themselves.

The young man was tall and strong, and was accompanied by his bride, who was also dressed in cloth made by her own fair hands. They were starting out to make a home with their own hands, and labor, in the far off wilderness. They started from their home in that pleasant valley with a few kettles and pans and a meager supply of household articles besides the beds and bedding made by the brides own hands, and the now old tin lantern. They had one horse which the bride rode, and two cows and six sheep.

While the man drove the oxen and a boy the sheep and cows, with what help the wife could give, they turned their faces toward the setting sun, and with strong hearts and bright faces and an undaunted faith that the God of the universe would help those who try to help themselves, they pressed on. Over the hills toward the west they came, crossing the Hudson, then up and down the hills that intervene between the valley of the Hudson and the Delaware until at last they reached the outer border of civilization. Crossing the waters of the Delaware they were soon lost in the woods or forests of Pennsylvania, or as they were then called, the "Beech Woods." Making their way on through this forest, they came to the spot where they were to build up that most precious of earthly things, A Home.

Here they built a log cabin, and started to change the wilderness into a field that would yield them bread. With labor and care they provided food and clothing, and the dim rays of the old tin lantern, now battered, rusty, and worn, have shone out many a night to light the way from this cabin to that of neighbors who soon settled around them, and peace, happiness and plenty rested on the home in the "Beech Woods."

As the years rolled on, the lantern lighted the feet of many a boy and girl to and fro in the winter evenings, and the boys and girls grew to be old, and their children are scattered until now, all there is left is the old tin lantern, battered, rusty, and worn, which has shed its rays over great-great grandfathers, great grandfathers, grandfathers, fathers, sons, and daughters, who are now dead or scattered from the hills of the "Beech Woods" toward the west, even to where the billows of the Pacific wash the shores of our broad land. All there is left of that home in the wilderness is the old tin lantern, battered, rusty, and worn." As I rubbed my eyes to get a better view of my visitor, I awoke, and all there was left of the story was the old tin lantern, battered, rusty, and worn.

Note--The couple referred to were the grandfather and grandmother of Mr. Norton who were among the early settlers of Clinton.

ATTORNEY PECK'S REMINISCENCES

Reminiscences of the old families, male and female, were given by Wilford M. Peck of Los Angeles, Calif., son of the late Albert R. Peck of Aldenville. [The text of Wilford M. Peck's reminiscences is given above in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.]

Wonderful word paintings of their ways and doings, seemed almost to bring them before us as of yore, causing one to fancy hearing their voices in prayers and songs of the days long gone by.

He forcibly dwelt on the threefold purpose of their coming from New England to Wayne County--home, school, and church. For these they toiled and patiently labored. How well they succeeded is shown by the results as evidenced by their descendants, who are sharing the fruits of their efforts, many being honored members of this community, and others in various states, good citizens with the loving memories of Old Clinton.

It was somewhat remarkable that we were favored with addresses by two former Clinton boys who attended the same school and both in the legal profession, "two Willies" as one said. We will not add the "weary" to that expression as they did not weary's.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

A committee of seven was appointed to decide on time, and arrange program for next year's meeting. After singing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" adjourned with benediction by Rev. G. S. Wendell.

W. H. LEE'S ADDRESS

Wm. H. Lee spoke in part as follows: "It is nearly forty-five years ago, yes to be exact, forty-five years ago, that I delivered upon this platform what I considered a powerful temperance address. Surely those that listened to that speech are now sleeping in yonder cemetery, or I would not have been asked to address you on this occasion. One year ago it was my pleasure to be with you as you dedicated your monument to the early settlers of this community. But as my eye rests on the faces before me, I miss one, a man who was approaching the four score limit, the frosts of many winters had silvered his flowing locks and beard. It was my good fortune, nearly half a century ago, to know this man well. We worked together for months, ate at most of your tables, rejoiced, sorrowed and selp [sic] together. What impressed me most was his even temperament. Everything might go dead wrong, difficulties seemingly insurmountable beset him, and yet he met each with a smile and cheerfully, with no evidence of anger or resentment, without use of profanity, proceeded and did overcome all obstacles. This man had conquered himself. I would place upon his monument, "Here lies a man who mastered himself, the greatest victory that a man can achieve." I refer to my dear old friend William N. Rude.

There is one more that during the past year has gone to his long home. At your meeting last year you learned of his skill in obtaining from a yoke of oxen their best efforts. You who read his obituary in the county papers will recall that when he was a Union soldier, at one time while on guard all the pickets but he were driven in. When he was rescued, he was asked why he did not come in with the others and his reply was "you put me out there to stay, did you not?" And he faithfully obeyed orders. Upon the monument of Ensign McMullen I would enscribe, "Here lies a faithful man."

As I look into your faces I see, not your smiling countenances, but those that occupied these pews fifty and sixty years ago. On the North side of the Church there always sat a short thick-set man. In the ordinary conversation he was deliberate, slow in action and speech, but when addressing the throne of grace his words came with lightning rapidity, clearly showing that he and his Maker were on intimate, loving terms. We, who listened failed to catch many of his words but I have no doubt that his loving Father caught every one. Good pious Edmund Randall.

There was another good man who sat in the Amen pew, or what would have been the amen pew in a Methodist church. I see him now as he entreated his brethren and sisters to renewed zeal in the worship of God Almighty, while with his right arm raised, his left eye shut and his head on one side and looking right toward Heaven, I was reminded of that line which reads "I will guide thee with mine eye." A thoughtful Christian gentleman, E. K. Norton.

There was a good deacon that occupied the pew directly ahead of my father's. I see him now listening earnestly to every word that fell from the mouth of the minister, with fingers intertwined and the only muscle that stirred was when his right thumb surmounted the left and the left the right until the final Amen of the long long sermon was said. My father Samuel Lee, I hear as if it were yesterday, when he, after some earnest invocation, some heart felt experience started that good old baptist hymn, "Amen, Amen, my soul replies, I am bound to meet you in the skies." As the congregation joined in the singing the old church reverberated with their song of resolution. After the singing it seemed to me that Heaven was nearer and Christ was dearer than ever before.

There were two occasions, two gatherings in the church, in my early days that are indelibly impressed upon my memory. The first was in the fall of 1860. Lincoln's first campaign. In the early fifties this community was strongly democratic. The agitation of the slavery question throughout the country, the writings and speeches of those that were termed abolitionists. The writings of others, and especially that of Harriet Beecher Stowe in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" caused many to forsake that party. The coming into existence of the Republican Party seemingly more adapted to their convictions, caused many as it was termed in those days, "to turn their coats." The leaders here asked those in charge of the campaign to send two speakers to this place. You must remember that at this time this community was devoutly religious. In almost every home the family altar was reared, the family Bible daily read, and prayer offered. The leaders understood this condition and selected the Rev. Charles S. Dunning, the Presbyterian minister at Honesdale, as one of the speakers and he brought with him Stephen D. Ward, a ruling elder of his church. Now think a moment. Here was a Presbyterian minister to speak politics in a close communion Baptist church. The cry, "don't mix politics with religion," was then loud and vociferous. To this meeting for some reason, I do not know what, my father insisted that his oldest son should attend. The church was crowded with men, while the only remark that the Rev. Doctor Dunning made that comes to my memory is this, "We had to come here to blow off or we would need to be hooped or burst." As father and I wended our way homeward upon the lonely mountain road I was firmly convinced that the only man fit to be elected President was Abraham Lincoln, the rail splitter.

The second occasion came some four years and six months later. The four years of fratricidal strife were over. Lee had surrendered, peace was dawning upon this distracted country, when our beloved President met death at the hands of an assassin. In obedience to proclamation of the incoming President as well as our war governor, Andrew G. Curtin, we gathered at this church and listened to a sermon appropriate to the occasion. I remember how neighbor met neighbor, how the trembling hands were clasped, when the lips faltered, the tear started, the vocal chords were paralyzed, and the tongue refused to speak. Slowly and sadly we bent our heads as we entered this church and took our accustomed places. The only expression that good Rev. B. B. Bunting, the then pastor of this church said, that comes to my memory at this time was the text "The remainder of that wrath will I restrain." I have since listened to thousands of sermons delivered by men far more educated, men of more abundant research, far superior ability and yet no sermon so impressed me as the kindly words that fell from this deeply religious man. As the hearers wended their several ways homeward all were convinced that God reigns and the government at Washington still lives.

There is one more subject to which I wish to call your attention, relating to the past, to the present, and the future. You are triply blessed in the fact that there reposes in your churchyard, "God's Acre," three soldiers of the Revolution. Two have passed on before my birth. One however is associated with my earliest recollections. I have sat with him at the table, listened to his reading the scripture, and knelt with him at the family altar. At this time he was approaching the end of his long life, one hundred and five years, ten months and thirteen days. As I now recall Michael Grinnell I consider that when he placed his hand upon my head and said, "God bless you, my boy," was the proudest moment of my life. Whenever I enter your cemetery I go at once to where he lies sleeping, and with uncovered head breathe a prayer of thankfulness for the memory of this life, his excel-

lent qualities as a soldier, a man, and a Christian gentleman. I urge you, each one to keep the graves of these soldiers green for all time. Green in the memory of their patriotism, their devotion to freedom of the thirteen colonies and their efforts through which a nation was born free and independent. As your children and your children's children come to years of understanding, deeply impress upon them the history of their lives, that the life of this nation may be insured, as well as the lives of these soldiers revered and forever honored.

PIONEER DAY: 1917

Pioneer Day celebrations are known to have taken place in the following years: 1915, 1916, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1942.

We know that celebrations took place in those years because of the existence of either newspaper articles or of minutes taken by the Pioneer Day secretary, Lois (Norton) Curtis. All of these newspaper articles and minutes were in the document archive of Lois (Norton) Curtis at the time of her death.

The first Pioneer Day celebration took place in 1915. The last Pioneer Day celebration of which there is any record took place in 1942. No information has come down to us that indicates that celebrations were held in 1917, 1919 and 1925.

An interesting document about the Pioneer Day celebrations that were held in Clinton Township prior to 1942 is the letter that Arthur Curtis wrote to Mrs. Lois (Norton) Curtis on September 4, 1942. That letter is as follows:

Moses Taylor Hospital
Scranton, Pennsylvania
September 4, 1942

Mrs. Lois Curtis, Secretary
Clinton Center Pioneer Day Association
Wayne County, Pennsylvania

Dear Lois:

As you know, the recent operation from which I am now recovering will prevent me from attending the "Pioneer Day" celebration to be held Monday, September 7, 1942. This is a matter of considerable regret because it will be the first meeting I have missed in the past twenty-four years.

Please convey my best wishes to everyone present and thank those who have so kindly sent letters while I have been at the Hospital.

Yours,

[signed] Sincerely Yours,
Arthur Curtis

What does Arthur Curtis mean when he states: "This is a matter of considerable regret because it [the 1942 Pioneer Day celebration] will be the first meeting I have missed in the past twenty-four years." Does he mean that "every year for the past 24 years there has been a Pioneer Day celebration and I have attended all those celebrations"--in which case Pioneer Day celebrations took place in 1919 and 1925. Does he mean that "every year during the past twenty-four years in which there has been a Pioneer Day celebration I have been in attendance"--in which case we can not deduce from Arthur Curtis' statement whether or not Pioneer Day celebrations were held in 1917, 1919 and 1925.

PIONEER DAY: 1918

A history of the West family was given by George Stone.

PIONEER DAY: 1919

See Information under "PIONEER DAY: 1917."

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 6, 1920

A history of the Griswold family was read. It is from a xerographic copy of a text entitled "HISTORY OF GRISWOLD'S PIONEER DAY" in the document archive of the late Lois T. (Norton) Curtis that the author typed the copy that is given below.

HISTORY OF GRISWOLD'S PIONEER DAY

History of John and Elizabeth Griswold read at the Pioneer Observance, Clinton Centre, Monday, September 6, 1920.

We have come here to show our appreciation to a famous and illustrious pioneer of our country. Famous, in that he was one of those sturdy pioneers that founded our country - Illustrious, for the honesty and integrity he has left to posterity. So today we have come here to dedicate this monument to his memory.

He was born in Granville, Hampshire County, Mass., 1754 and died October 16, 1843. In Oct. 1790 or '91, he was married to Elizabeth Crittenden at Sandisfield, Mass.

At the age of eighteen, July 8th, 1777, he enlisted in the Continental Army in Rathburn's Co., Major Caleb Hyde's detachment of Militia. They marched to reinforce the Northern Army. Again in the same Co., he was under the command of General Gates, and was honorably discharged for his service. And right we have to think that John Griswold belonged to those heroes that purchased liberty, although, he was not killed on the battle field.

The family moved from Mass. to Penna. with their possessions, in a heavy two-wheeled cart, drawn by four year-old steers. The mother rode the horse and the little colt followed. In the wilderness, they set to work to build their log cabin and to clear the land for crops. The trees at that time, were considered worthless and were burned. The pioneers often found the trees difficult to cut on account of their great size.

The wild animals still roamed through the forest and the early settlers had many encounters with these. Some families, having sheep took turns during the night watching from the windows of their log cabins to protect them from the wolves and bears, which might be searching for an early breakfast.

One day the three sons of John Griswold, Horace, aged 11 with his two younger brothers, Sumner and Sedate, were out playing in the forest, when they chanced to see an animal sunning itself by a fallen log. The boys discovered the animal was a panther and departed, in haste, for home.

Everyone was busy about the log cabin. The good housewife, spent her spare moments in spinning the wool and flax and weaving it into cloth. The family clothing and the household linen depended upon her nimble fingers. Some of the trees of the forest supplied them with coloring matter, such as walnut. Much ingenuity was shown in the weaving of their fine linens. Designs were sometimes woven in their tablecloths.

The early settlers found nature a bountiful provider in the line of fish and wild game. As soon as the land was ready they sowed the grain and planted the crops they needed for their own use. The sap of the maple trees, supplied them with sugar. The old sugar barrel belonging to John Griswold, is in good condition today and is owned by F. H. Curtis. The old canteen, another relic carried by John Griswold in the Revolutionary War, is at the home of Augusta Curtis. The silver knee buckle and powder flask are owned by William Griswold of Pine City, New York.

John Griswold took on horse-back the first grist of wheat which he raised and started for Wilkes-Barre, to have it ground. The first night he camped on the forks of a river, near the present site of Scranton. He caught enough fish for supper and breakfast. While eating his supper, he heard a slight noise and saw three deer coming toward the river. Then he shot the first one, a nice fat yearling. He dressed it and hung it on a limb of a tree near by.

The next morning, he continued his way to Wilkes-Barre. When the wheat was ground he started on his homeward journey, camping at the place where he left his deer in the morning. He strapped one of the hind quarters on the horse's back and departed for home. He reached home toward evening, where the anxious family were watching and waiting for his delayed return.

The names of his sons were as follows: John, Francis, Orin, Sumner, Horace and Sedate. His descendants are many and are found in all parts of the United States.

Whether or not we ever trace our English forebears, we may be sure that these Old New England ancestors were men who lived for the ideals of justice and right, and were among those who came across the ocean in the pursuit of the principles that make life worth living, and that they were worthy of being kept fresh in the minds of their posterity.

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 5, 1921

Among the historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is a newspaper clipping entitled "CLINTON PIONEER DAY OBSERVANCE [sic]," which, in all probability was published in the Wayne Independent. It is from a xerographic copy of that newspaper clipping that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given below. Written in pencil on this clipping is "Sept. 1921"; Pioneer Day in 1921 was celebrated on September 5.

CLINTON PIONEER DAY OBRERVANCE [sic]

The fourth annual "Pioneer Day" at Clinton Center was observed on Monday and in 1920 a motion was made and carried to hold it each year on Labor Day. The place is ideal for such an event. The church is used for the program--the basement furnishes a commodious dining hall and the cemetery adjoins where rest their sacred and honored dead. The whole township joins in the affair and scores from far and near attended the program and entered into the spirit of the exercises. It is an ideal occasion.

On Monday promptly, at 12 o'clock, the sumptuous dinner was ready and hungry diners surrounded the tables and got busy. The good "eats" prepared were generously served and greatly enjoyed. Over half a hundred autos were parked about the grounds and many sections of Wayne were represented and several were there from the anthracite valley.

President E. M. Peck of Carbondale, a son of a pioneer, called the assemblage to order and after prayer by Rev. Mr. Winkelman, pastor of Waymart Baptist church, and several songs led by Mr. Curtis, Homer Greene, Esq., of Honesdale was introduced as the orator of the day. Mr. Greene was at his best and delivered a fine address. He spoke of the principles which actuated the pioneers and commended their loyalty to the church, their devotion to what they believed to be right and their Americanism.

George H. Knapp of Aldenville, in keeping with a plan of the day's program, read the history of his grandfather, Rev. Mr. Curtis, one of the pioneers of that part of the county and as a preacher one of the great workers of the Baptist denomination, having baptized in his long ministry over 1,000 converts. Many of his descendants are living and are a credit to his name and who revere his memory. This paper by Mr. Knapp will be published in a forthcoming issue of The Independent.

Miss Margaret Remson of Aldenville gave a pleasing recitation and A. R. Pennell, editor of The Independent, was called upon for a few remarks. Pastor W. A. Mackenzie delivered a pointed and appreciative address, referring to the splendid oration by Mr. Greene and the principles which actuated the settlers of this country in the preservation of the fundamentals which go to make up our great republic. Chairman Peck read an interesting reminiscence of the pioneers as he remembered them, mentioning them by name. He was born some eighty years ago and in his childhood days enjoyed the acquaintance of several of them.

The program came to a close and there was a general greeting and fellowship of old friends in an informal [way], and then the large company departed for their several homes, feeling that they had done honor to the [word missing; text is torn] settlers and [word missing; text is torn].

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains a handwritten account of the 1921 Pioneer Day celebration. Inasmuch as that handwritten account was used by Lois Curtis in preparing the newspaper account of the 1921 celebration that is given above, we will not present here a typescript of the minutes for 1921, which, in the record book are entitled "Clinton Pioneer Day Observance." The first sentence of the minutes reads as follows: "The Fourth annual 'Pioneer Day' at Clinton Center was observed on Monday Sept. 5, 1921."

Contained in the very comprehensive history of the Rude and Remsen families of Clinton Township, Wayne County, compiled by Marjorie Angeline (Rude) Cook in 1980-1981, is a copy of a newspaper clipping--probably from The Wayne Independent--entitled "AS PECK RECALLS CLINTON PIONEERS (By E. M. Peck) Read at Pioneer Day, Clinton Centre, Sept. 5, 1921." The text of that newspaper account of Pioneer Day, 1921, is as follows:

AS PECK RECALLS CLINTON PIONEERS

(By E. M. Peck)

Read at Pioneer Day, Clinton Centre, Sept. 5, 1921.

I would like to give you a picture of some of the residents of Clinton, as my recollections recall them. Coming into comparatively a wilderness of necessity it was for the early settlers, clearing of the land, in hopes of getting a bountiful harvest to provide for their families. This was hard work and only rugged determined men would undertake it. We of the present can see how well they succeeded. If the timber that was cut and burned were now standing, its value would be more than the farms at the present time. The Pioneers came to make homes for themselves, and families and also to hand down same to their descendants. Success attended their efforts.

It is of a later date, 1845, and on that I recall those who were enjoying fruits of the first settlers. They also worked without machinery. No moving machines, no hay loaders, no wood saws, no wire fencing, no telegraph lines, no automobiles. Just axes, beetles and wedges for splitting rails; sythes to cut the grass; pitch forks, with long handles, in order to get hay over the big beam, etc. A few had tread power for churning, but nearly all the butter was made by a dash churn; simply putting it up and down, up and down, till the welcome result was reached--but oh, what butter!

The Stantons are represented by Uncle Asa, who was a genial, kindly man, a good citizen known and respected by all. Jabez Welch, who farmed and had a saw mill on the outlet of Elk Lake, (one stiff leg), was a hard worker and had a good reputation. It was said of him that he tried to stick on the end of his thumb which he accidentally cut off one day with an axe;

also that when he was going to shave, if the razor was very dull he would sharpen it on the bottom step of the cellar stairs, but if in fair condition would use the top step. It is needless to say that a man with those characteristics succeeded even if the end of his thumb did not stick fast.

'Squire West was no doubt the best educated of any of the earlier settlers and had great influence on account of his knowledge of law and medicine which was imparted to all inquirers. He also served as surveyor. He was thrifty in all his business affairs and was considered as one of the moneyed citizens.

Edwin Randall and his wife were a very kindly pair; Lemuel Stone, with Austing Davenport, Carmi and Amasa Gaylord, and Nathan Wheeler, who was an expert sheep shearer, occupied farms in the southern part, all having good standing among the families of the township; Cummings Saunders lived on the mountain and, with his wife and family, were regular attendants of the Clinton church where he officiated as leader of the singing. I have seen them drive up to the church in the winter time in a wood shod sled drawn by a pair of oxen.

Uncle Alva Norton, postmaster, at his house known as Mt. Republic, was public spirited, always ready to take the lead in matters yet not always followed enthusiastically. He was a surveyor, usually at variance with Squire West as to land lines.

Warren Norton, whose home was on the north corner of the road leading eastward from the north and south main road by home of Mrs. Bunting, was a short, somewhat stout man, well thought of. He drove a horse with a market wagon without springs, never passing folks on foot without asking them to ride. He was especially fond of children.

Horton Peck, Alfred Thomas, David Saunders and Samuel Lee lived north of Clinton church, all helping to maintain the good reputation of Clinton. Plinny Muzzy was a near neighbor to Warren Norton.

The Griswolds, Francis, Somner and Horace were also in the center of the town. Francis was a man of strong body and mind, being considered one of the most substantial residents, leaving several good, well tilled farms as marks of his toil and success. Reba Blanding was a man of very decided expressions, a true Jeffersonian Democrat; Erastus Loomis, who lived on the Rude farm, was a very particular person, always well dressed, known as a leader of singing in the Clinton church. I can almost hear the tones of his tuning fork as he bit it to get the correct pitch.

David, Shepherd, Jonathan and Samuel Saunders and Seth Dann were among the farmers, each having their own peculiarities. Sylvester North was a valued member of the neighborhood, not doing much work personally, yet a successful farmer. His speciality seemed to be to take a hoe every now and then and remove the stones from the roads, thereby making travel more comfortable. I remember him as always at church services with a bandanna handkerchief over the bald spot of his head.



Grennell Monument, Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery, with Fourteen Persons Posing in Front of Stone. Snapshot, slightly out of focus, in the Russell Homestead Photograph Archive, Carbondale, PA; given above is an enlarged copy print, by Donald W. Powell, of that snapshot, taken in August, 1919, by an unidentified person. Standing (left to right): Lydia Norton, Susan Munson or Catherine (Perham) Ross, Mrs. John Geuther, man with mustache, (?) Ora Esmarilda (Loomis) Russell. Seated (left to right): seated at left base of stone is Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis, in front of and to the left of Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis is Edna (Loomis) Loomis or Flora (Loomis) Brown or Nettie (Loomis) Graham, in front of the preceding is Amanda Norton, man with white beard in the middle is either Myron Norton or Grandison Loomis, woman in white dress in foreground is Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis, seated at the right base of the stone is Ensign Varcoe, the woman to Ensign Varcoe's right has not yet been identified, the woman to the right of the preceding woman has not yet been identified, the man seated on the far right is Homer Curtis.

The inscription on the brass plaque that is attached to the Grennell natural flint conglomerate monument in Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery reads as follows: "M I C H A E L G R E N N E L L / GREAT, GREAT GRANDSON OF / J O H N A N D P R I S C I L L A A L D E N / OF MAYFLOWER FAME / A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER, / A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN, / BORN 1752 / DIED FEBRUARY 13, 1858 / AGED 105 years, 10 MONTHS, 13 DAYS / S U S A N N A H B A L C O M / HIS WIFE / BORN 1760 - DIED 1829 / ERECTED BY THEIR DESCENDANTS / AUGUST, 1919."

Rufus Grennell, known as deacon, was a man of few words but which contained the conclusions of a thoughtful mind. He was known and respected for his sterling integrity. "Grandad" Grennell as so many knew him, lived to the ripe old age of nearly 106 years. I well remember hearing him pray after he was so deaf he could not hear his own voice. He was always at church service as long as he was able to get there. His custom was for many years in the early spring when good weather came, to make a visit to many of the homes about the town, which calls were always welcome. Clintonians have done themselves credit in placing a substantial stone and bronze tablet to mark the place of his burial, noting him as a descendant of John and Priscilla Alden of Mayflower fame.

Among others were Reuben Peck, Giles Gaylord, Virgil Grennell, Ralph and Jerome Case, Jabez Stearns, Aaron Loomis, George Kingsbury and John Belknap, who was landlord of the tavern near what is now known as Creamton. He was an expert nurse and his services were in great demand. He was genial and full of good humor. Religious services were held in a school house near his place and I remember on one occasion he brought in a stand on which he placed a copy of the Wayne County Herald, and then a Bible, saying in his quaint way, with his hand on the Bible, "What you don't find in this book you will find in this paper."

John and Daniel Bunting and Joseph Beticher were staid members of the vicinity of Aldenville.

'Squire June, Daniel Arnold, James and George McMullin were on the mountain, the latter a hunter of renown at the time when deer, bear and wild cats were in evidence.

E. K. Norton was well known as an extensive farmer and dealer in cattle, always being ready to purchase or sell as parties desired. He was active in all church matters and very influential in the work of the Clinton church. He was superintendent of the first Sunday school that I attended in the first church building which was on the same foundation which this building now occupies and was blown down by the hurricane of July 25, 1851, which commenced just west of here at the foot of the mountain and mowed a swath through the timber and over the hills to the upper end of Honesdale, where part of the roof was taken off a brick building on upper end of Main street.

It is no doubt due to the effort of the worthy son of Mr. Norton, familiarly known as Sheldon, that the "Old Pioneer Day" was brought into existence, which has been a great pleasure to many.

These and others made up the township of Clinton noted for its good reputation, honored names, worthy of respect by their children, which is a goodly inheritance to hand down to posterity.

They were a wise people. First, they had a vision of a place where they would be free to worship God unmolested by forms and ceremonies and church free from state control. Second, organizing a church where they could meet and their children be brought under the influence of godly teaching. Third, determination to work which is the foundation of all success and in accordance with the law of God--Six days shalt thou labor. Fourth, thrift and economy, thereby laying a foundation for future prosperity.

I am exceedingly glad that such a permanent marker with their names in bronze stands in yonder "God's Acre" as a reminder to their descendants and others who pass by.

With all the pleasant memories and delight in their achievements, in clearing farms and building up a community, I am glad of the knowledge I have of these who now occupy the grounds once held by the pioneers and that by their lives Clinton still has a reputation for good citizens and successful farmers.

While I look backward I am going to indulge in a "day dream", in which I see Clinton farmers organized in a community group using the best known methods for production of crops, and all the products of the land enjoying the comforts and conveniences in their homes--running water, cold and hot, bath tubs, electric lights, washers, ironers, sweepers, etc. Also a system of marketing, co-operatively, of milk, butter, apples, potatoes; systematically packed and graded, bearing the mark, "Made in Clinton", which will be an assurance that each article is the best that can be produced. Surely such as Curtis, Rude, Gaylord, Dann, Snedeker, Knapp, Bunting, and a score of others can make my dream come true. Amen, so let it be.

NOTE:

From the newspaper account of the 1921 Pioneer Day celebration that is given above ("CLINTON PIONEER DAY OBRERVANCE"), we learn that it was decided, in 1920, to hold Pioneer Day every year on Labor Day:

"The fourth annual 'Pioneer Day' at Clinton Center was observed on Monday and in 1920 a motion was made and carried to hold it each year on Labor Day..."

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 4, 1922

Among the historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is a newspaper clipping entitled "CLINTON CENTER'S PIONEER DAY," which in all probability was published in The Wayne Independent. It is from a xerographic copy of that newspaper clipping that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given below. Pioneer Day in 1922 was held on September 4; this clipping was published on September 9, 1922.

CLINTON CENTER'S PIONEER DAY

The Pioneer or "Old Home Day" was observed as usual at the Clinton Baptist church with a good attendance. While it was rainy in the morning, it cleared and was beautiful sunshiny weather to gladden the large number present.

The fine dinner served by the ladies of the church was the greatest attraction from twelve o'clock, until all were supplied.

The first event of the day was the dedication of a newly erected conglomerate stone monument with a bronze tablet, in memory of John Griswold, a Revolutionary soldier, and ancestor of the Griswold families of Clinton. A very suitable address was given by George Curtis, whose mother, Mrs. Louisa Griswold Curtis, was a granddaughter of John Griswold. Mr. Curtis dwelt on the intense loyalty and patriotism of the American soldier, which not only made it possible for our country to obtain its independence in 1776, but in the several wars, 1812, Mexican, the Rebellion, Spanish-American and the so recent world contest, has been so efficient in support of the principals of freedom, that we are renowned as "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

From the cemetery, repairing to the church, exercises were interspersed by choir singing, under the enthusiastic leadership of Arthur Curtis, which always adds so much to the pleasure of the celebration. An address of welcome was given by Rev. F. A. Childs, pastor of the Aldenville and Clinton Baptist churches. The president referred to those who have passed on since the last meeting, especially Myron Norton, who has been one of the most active members of the organization. Singing, Shall We Meet at the River?

Resolutions were passed that expressions of regret be sent to Rev. James Rainey, a former loved and respected pastor, Sheldon Norton, the originator of "Old Home Day" and to Mrs. Laura Loomis, expressing our sorrow that they were unable to be present, and tendering our good wishes for the future; also to Rev. George S. Wendell and Mrs. Wendell, with our sympathy in the trials they are enduring in the severe illness of their daughter.

The present officers were re-elected: E. M. Peck, president; Wm. P. [sic] Rude, vice president; Arthur Curtis and W. P. [sic] Rude for Clinton church; G. H. Knapp and George Gaylord, Aldenville church; E. H. Ledyard and G. H. Gaylord, Maple Grove; Claude Stanton, South Clinton, M. H. Gager and M. A. Loomis, Waymart church, for committee of general work of the organization.

Rev. James Pope, pastor of South Clinton Baptist church, spoke of the sterling qualities possessed by the early settlers, and the loving memory in which they should and are held. Numerous recitations by Mrs. Margaret Remsen Rude were very pleasant reminders of former favors she has rendered. Rev. Frank A. Stanton, pastor of the Berean Baptist church of Carbondale, gave an address, especially emphasizing the necessity of being loyal and obedient to the laws of a country that has done so much for the uplift of the whole world. A couple of recitations by Emmons L. Peck were very pleasing.

The president had an old tin lantern, round and pointed at the top, full of punched holes, to let out the dim light of a "tallow dip," which is owned by Sheldon Norton. He also read the composition, "The old Tin Lantern, Battered, Rusty and Worn," written by Mr. Norton, which illustrated the place it had in the early days, when but little light was had. One of the most pleasing meetings in memory of the early settlers of Clinton was closed by prayer and benediction by Rev. Mr. Stanton.

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains a handwritten account of the 1922 Pioneer Day celebration on Monday, September 4, 1922. Inasmuch as that handwritten account of the 1922 Pioneer Day celebration was used by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis in preparing the newspaper account of the 1922 celebration that is given above, we will not present here a typescript of the minutes for 1922, the first sentence of which reads: "The Fifth annual 'Pioneer Day' was observed Monday Sept. 4 - 1922 at the Clinton Center Baptist Church with a good attendance."

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 3, 1923

Contained in the very comprehensive history of the Rude and Reusen families of Clinton Township, Wayne County, compiled by Marjorie Angeline (Rude) Cook in 1980-1981, is a copy of a newspaper clipping--probably from The Wayne Independent--entitled "CLINTON CENTRE OLD HOME DAY," about the Pioneer Day celebration that took place in Clinton Township on September 3, 1923. The text of that newspaper account is as follows:

CLINTON CENTRE OLD HOME DAY

The "Old Pioneer and Home Day" was observed at the Clinton Baptist church on Sept. 3rd, with a large attendance. The ladies served dinner to nearly three hundred. The choir under the leadership of Arthur Curtis, added to the pleasure of the occasion by their singing and instrumental music.

Rev. William F. Shoup, pastor of the Clinton and Aldenville Baptist churches, opened the services by prayer. The president spoke as to the great loss sustained by the passing away since our last meeting of Sheldon Norton on the 27th of February. He was the one who started the plan of holding a day in remembrance of the Pioneers also in having a monument erected with the names of the early families and the early pastors of the Clinton church on a bronze plate, to perpetuate their memories. Nothing can have been better for that end, than a yearly gathering as has been held since its inauguration on Aug. 27, 1915.

He had some fine enlarged pictures of Deacon Rufus Grennell and his wife, Aunt Harriet, who was his grandmother, and his father, E. K. Norton and wife, which were, as per his request, presented to the Clinton church by E. M. Peck. He spoke of the memories of their efficient Christian service, freely given, for many years, and expressing the wish that looking in their faces might be an inspiration for faithful work on the part of those who are responsible for the success of the cause.

A suitable response and acceptance was made on behalf of the church by W. E. Rude.

Rev. W. K. Norton, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Honesdale, was the speaker of the day, and well he fulfilled the task with a thrilling address, on the subject of our forefathers, and the causes that led to America becoming a free nation. He emphasized the teachings of the Bible as the mainstay of our republic. The talk was spiced with wit, making it very entertaining and was listened to with close attention.

Mrs. Margaret Remsen Rude gave some delightful recitations that were very much enjoyed. Rev. W. A. McKensie, a former pastor, gave a very interesting talk, expressing his pleasure in being present, and the opportunity to meet so many former friends. The report of the secretary was read and the present officers were re-elected as follows: E. M. Peck of Carbondale, president; W. E. Rude, vice president; Mrs. Lois Curtis, secretary.

The secretary was instructed to send our good wishes to Rev. James Rainey and Mrs. Laura Loomis, who are not able to be present, and extend our sympathy to Mrs. Edith Yarrington in the loss of her father, who was the loved friend of our association, Sheldon Norton.

It has been the custom to give the history of some of the early families, at the meeting, and this year the Gaylord family records as far as could be made out was read as follows:

"The Gaylords of Wayne county were descendants of the Gaillords of Normandy, France. The meaning of the name was of Gallic or Spanish origin, signifying a merry or pleasant companion, and the change into English still is in harmony, as gay lord seems to fit the general character of many of those bearing the present name. Members of the family removed from the north of France to the west of England, and their children came to Connecticut, from thence into the various states of our Union. They were Protestants in France, and left there on account of religious difficulties, and came to America seeking freedom to worship God in accordance with the dictates of their own conscience. This was about 1630.

The following from a history by William Gaillard a number of years ago, gives as good a sketch of the family of the ancestors of those who are residents in Clinton and vicinity as can be found. Walter, third son of William of Dorchester, England, born about 1622, came with his father in 1630 and settled in Windsor, Connecticut. He married Mary Stebbins. Their son Joseph died about 1742, his son Joseph had a son named Timothy who married Prudence Roys; their son married Sarah Norton in 1765. Their second son, Amasa, married Miss M. Austen. He was the grandfather Gaylord who came to Clinton about 1812. His children were Melissa, Amasa, Harriet, Giles and Carma. No record of Melissa can be found.

The children of Amasa were: Harlow, married Marietta Case; Sarah, married Mr. Burdick; Matilda, married Charles Arnold and Mr. Bridge; Rachael, married Horton Peck; Susan, married Lemuel Stone; Mariah, David, Henry, Lucian. Harriet married Virgil Grinnell. Their children were: Helen, married Nathan Griswold; Ann, Myron, married Mattie Bridge; Emalinda, married Albert R. Peck; Giles, married Joanna Peck; both have passed away. Their descendants are as follows: Milo, married Elizabeth Arnold, children. Antoinette, Addie, Charles and Nora; Antoinette, married E. C. Terrell, children Effie, Alice, Edith, Ray, Elma, Maud, Ruth, Madaline, Given and Edwin; Frederick M., married Margaret Buckland, children Rena B. and George G.; Henry Curtis, married Ruth A. Turner; Remus M., married Mary A. Goodell, children Blanche G.; Lewis P., married Eleanor Ward, children, Elizabeth P., Joanna, Giles A., and Luella; Eleanor E., married Judson J. Curtis, children Grace H. and John Judson; W. A. married Augusta C. Butler, children Hattie B., Katharine J. and Albert B.; Helen, married Charles H. Gaylord of Cortland, N.Y.

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 1, 1924

Among the historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is a two-page typed text entitled "Pioneers hear tribute to Peck." That text is an account of the Pioneer Day celebration of September 1, 1924. It is not certain whether the text "Pioneers hear tribute to Peck" is a typed copy of a newspaper account or a typed copy of the minutes for 1924. Whatever the case, it is from a xerographic copy of that two-page typed text that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given below.

Pioneers hear tribute to Peck.

The seventh annual Old Pioneer and Home Day was observed at the Clinton Baptist church, Sept. 1, with a good attendance. The choir sang several selections. Rev. William F. Shoup, pastor of the Clinton and Aldenville Baptist churches offered prayer, and gave the address of welcome which was full of wit and humor. The vice president, W. E. Rude, spoke as to the great loss sustained by the passing away since our last meeting of E. [aril] M. [elville] Peck, in November. A tribute was read by Mrs. Rena Remsen, written by Mr. Knapp, but on account of the illness of Mr. Matthews,

his son-in-law, he was unable to be with us. A tribute to the memory of Earl Melville Peck, son of Reuben Peck and Sally Ann King [who] was born in Clinton township, on what is known as the Peck place, June 24th, 1838, and entered into rest Nov. 19, 1923, at his home in Carbondale. Early in 1855 he was baptized at Aldenville by Rev. Newell Callender who was then holding evangelistic meetings at that place. In 1866 he was united in marriage to Emeline, eldest daughter of Hiram Ledyard and Lucinda Rude of Pleasant Mount township. To this union was born one child, Emmons L. Peck. While I feel it a privilege and an honor to give a brief tribute to this most worthy brother, I am reminded at the beginning of the unlimited field of activity I have to cover and my lack of ability to at all adequately satisfy all claims. If there is ever a time when we realize the need of freedom of speech and a good command of our language it is indeed upon occasions like this, when we wish to dwell upon the good qualities of a friend or emulate the deeds of a brother. Since Brother Peck and my mother were about of an age and children in the same locality, I first came to know him through her. Because of his abiding interest in the Aldenville Baptist church, the Aldenville cemetery, and the Wayne Baptist association some correspondence passed between them at various times and in this way I early learned of his deep sympathy with matters pertaining to organizing. In so far as I know he never failed to respond to any need of theirs if it was brought to his attention. He was a faithful attendant at the sessions of the Wayne Association and its prosperity was near to his heart. He usually participated in the discussions and his remarks were those of a well balanced mind. Deacon Peck at the time of his death was one of the two surviving charter members of the Aldenville church and he always retained his interest in its welfare, and at different times after becoming a member of the Berean church at Carbondale his check came over the Moosic for the support of his first church. We always felt that we had a staunch friend in Deacon Peck. Two years ago when in need of a piano I wrote him that we were raising the funds by subscription and the next mail brought a check for twenty-five dollars. When the Aldenville Cemetery association was formed Brother Peck was elected a director and continued in that office until his death. The Peck lot through his care has always been an example of neatness and interest and he contributed regularly to the general fund for the upkeep of the cemetery. At the period of the Civil War he entered the employ of the D. & H. company at Carbondale and continued in that position for over sixty years. This position was one of large responsibility and his fidelity to his employers is proven by his long service. Mr. Peck was a recognized leader in business circles, was director and president of the Pioneer Dime bank at the time of his death. One of the enterprises nearest to his heart was Keystone Academy. He served many years as its secretary and treasurer. He clung to his abiding faith in its value to the denomination during its years of adversity and they were not few. Instead on its maintenance when the other trustees were discouraged and advised closing the doors. He gave liberally in time and money for its support and rejoiced during its prosperity. For a half century he was most prominent in the affairs of the Berean Baptist church of Carbondale and by his good judgment assisted in carrying it over some of the critical points in its history. In conjunction with the late Sheldon Norton he was the promoter of Pioneer Day which we are now observing and was its continuous president. He seemed to realize as few do the debt we owe to our forefathers and was always ready to emulate their deeds of bravery and righteousness. To recount their hardships and to praise their sturdy characters. His mind was replete with anecdotes of their lives and sympathy with their trials. He liked to exhibit the crude implements they used and compare them with the improved implements of modern times. Little did we think when he presided a year ago that his mantle would so soon fall on another. Bro. Peck was never a member of society "so called," but loved the companionship of good people, sought their acquaintance and retained their friendship. We often mourn the loss of some talented young person because of the good we believed they could if spared have accomplished, but this could not apply to our brother. Spared to the ripe age of eighty-six it requires several volumes to record the activities of his tireless life. But few persons have been granted such broad opportunities for fellow service and the means with which to embrace them in connection with an unselfish character and a broad-minded vision. To Deacon Peck the needs of the church its departments of work the school, legitimate business, his home, were a challenge to his noble character and readily responded to. His home was noted for its simplicity completeness and hospitality. Alike as husband and father his life was above reproach. Like the apostle Paul, he could well say, "I have fought a good fight. I finished my course, have kept up for me a crown of righteousness which is Christ the Lord." Since his passing, ministers, laymen, trustees, directors and journalists have vied with each other in eulogistic phrases, but I am persuaded that if we consider Deacon Peck's life worthy as an example he would not have us spend our time in idle repetition of his manifold deeds, but what would please him most would be to feel that he had been an inspiration, drawing men to higher and better lives. In passing I would just like to picture him visiting with the saints in glory, who have gone before and whom we have loved long since and lost awhile and in closing may I not say in the words of the poet. Lives of great men all remind us that we too departing may leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time.

A suitable response was made on behalf of the church by Mr. Rude and the secretary, Mrs. Hobart Curtis, was instructed to send a copy to Mrs. Peck and extend to her our sympathy.

It has been the custom to give the history of some of the early families at the meeting, and this year the history of the Stanton family was given by Mrs. Emma Geer.

Deacon Geo. Stanton of Carbondale gave a splendid address, filled with spice and wit, making it very entertaining and was listened to with close attention. The Stanton brothers and sisters gave us several fine vocal selections.

PIONEER DAY: 1925

See information under "PIONEER DAY: 1917."

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 6, 1926

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the 1926 Pioneer Day celebration:

Ninth Annual Meeting 1926.

The Ninth annual Meeting of Old Pioneer & Home Day was observed at the Clinton Center Baptist Church Sept. 6th 1926. Dinner was served at noon to a goodly number. Vice Pres. W. E. Rude called the meeting together. The choir sang several selections - Prayer followed by our pastor Rev. C. K. Shoup. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. An interesting program was carried out. Frank Ledyard of Scranton was very pleasing & humorous with his talk & all enjoyed it. The address of the afternoon was given by Judge Geo. C. Taylor of Scranton. All who heard him was much impressed by his address. The Loomis family history is to be given this year. Closed by Song & Benediction.

(Mrs) Lois N. Curtis Sec'y.

In 1980, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis graciously allowed the author and Donald W. Powell to borrow and make xerographic copies of a large quantity of historical documents in her collection. All of those documents were copied and returned by the Brothers Powell to Lois Curtis in 1980, and were in Lois Curtis' document archive at the time of her death on May 27, 1981. Among those documents are four typewritten pages of information about the Ledyard family, written by Mrs. Emeline (Ledyard) Peck, a typescript of which, by S. Robert Powell, is given below.

The Ledyard Family.

Written and read by Mrs. Emeline Ledyard Peck, at Pleasant Mount, Pa. Pioneer Day at Clinton, Pa. Sept 2, 1926.

I wish to apologize for coming before you with records which may be of little interest to those outside the family of the subject of this sketch, - only the recent persistence of our President is responsible.

"Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set up." Deut. 19-14. and "Thou shalt not remove thy neighbors landmarks." Prov. 22-28.

Statistics are meagre, hence must rely largely on local traditions.

Robert Ledyard came to this country from England when a young man, coming as a stowaway, after the disagreeable experience of being compelled to swear allegiance to King George. The story is told that when a piece of money was placed in his hand, he turned his hand over, letting it fall to the ground with no pleasant words.

Upon reaching America, he joined the continental army, enlisting under Benedict Arnold, with whose traitorous doings the older generations are familiar. History tells us he asked for and obtained a command at West Point, then the most important fortress, which he offered to surrender to Sir Henry Clinton. The accidental capture of Major Andre, the British messenger, frustrated the scheme, and Arnold hastily escaped to a sloop of war and went into British service. His army was banished to the Plains of Abram, near Quebec, till the close of the war when they were honorably discharged. Arnold was held in no high esteem in England and died in London lamenting his dastardly act. As a child some of our family remember well hearing our father tell the story as his father told it to him, and seeing the last pension money received, after his death, 'twas paid in silver dollars. No words could express grandfather's contempt for Arnold.

At the close of the revolution, Robert Ledyard settled in Connecticut, later married Sarah Ann Cady of Brooklyn, Conn. A genuine Windham county Connecticut woman. To them were born eight children, six sons and two daughters. In the fall of 1809 they came to Penns Woods, Pennsylvania drawn by horses, with all their worldly possessions loaded in a prairie schooner, with doubtless less conveniences, than those of modern date in which people from this region migrated to the far west seventy or eighty years ago, viz. - Iowa, Ill, Michigan and even Indiana and Ohio can be included.

The emigrants destination was somewhere in the vicinity of Tunkhannock on the Susquehanna River, but cold weather coming on and money scarce they stopped at Uncle Levi Geers who had previously come from the same locality, his wife Aunt Vina Rude Geer, later great Aunt to the honorable president Rude and also great Aunt to a descendant of Robert Ledyard.

They remained there six weeks, when they moved into a log house on what was called the Solomon Sherwood's flats two and a half miles south east of the Pleasant Mount village of today. It has been related by one who was there, that a cat could have been thrown through the chinks, - the boy was young, - we draw the curtain over the experience of that winter.

Later they settled in what is known now as the extreme southern part of Mount Pleasant township, built a log house on the east side of the road, dug a well, and planted apple seeds brought from Connecticut. Some of the third generation now living remember seeing the remains of the old house, the well, always carelessly covered into which mother feared some one might fall; also one kind of flowers in the grass that we never saw any where else, and currant bushes.

In after years, the youngest son Hiram, whom we will mention later built the house ninety nine years ago which still stands on the western side of the road on a pleasant elevation with a beautiful view.

The Ledyard family consisted of six sons and two daughters, - the eldest daughter Clarissa married Thomas Dimock, and never came to Pennsylvania. She died young, leaving two children. One son, Samuel, born in 1790 went eventually to Ohio, settling in the vicinity of Cleveland, had ten children, - eight sons and two daughters, their descendants scattered throughout the west, one living thirty miles south of Cleveland who visited here twelve years ago. In a letter received from him recently, he says that he feels that he is nearly at the end of his journey.

John born in 1794 was killed in the war of 1812 and was by the side of General Pike when he fell at the battle of York. He left no descendants. Girden, the third son was killed by the falling of a tree near the old homestead when he was eighteen years of age. David born in 1795 settled in Illinois, had two sons and two daughters who all lived to reach maturity, but a son and daughter were stricken and passed away in the prime of life. Luther born in 1794 settled in Clinton Township about a mile south of the Ledyard homestead, had five children, all lived to grow up except Scott who was drowned at the age of eighteen. The other children married and had families of their own, attaining over four score years, one reached the age of ninety. Mary married Peter Rider, had five children, three reaching maturity, married but left only one descendant, a grandchild by the name of Thomas. Hiram born in 1802 youngest of the family of Robert Ledyard was but seven years old when the family left Connecticut. He had less advantages and more privations than the others, some of which might be rehearsed, but probably of no interest outside the family, suffice it to say that he was a kind neighbor, a good citizen, a great reader, interested in civic affairs, having served his country as commissioner being elected in 1846.

I remember when a child hearing it remarked that Hiram Ledyard's word was a good as his bond; I wondered what a bond meant, will leave it to others whether of any value. Five of his children reached maturity; one, Dan died in childhood, but two survive and they are present today. With one cousin near Cleveland, previously mentioned, but three of the third generation remain, all octogenarians.

The Ledyards came of sturdy stock, several living past the four score years; Hiram having lived till 97, retaining his mental faculties, including a remarkable memory till his last illness which was short, passing away on June 15, 1899. In politics he was a democrat, maintaining that the democratic principles were the true national principles.

Of the mothers we have made no mention, so far; their anxieties their privations and their hardships together with the loneliness occasioned by the absence of friends with whom it was more difficult to communicate than if living at the present time. Our grandmother was a Baptist, and her well worn bible which is still in existence is a mute testimonial of the comfort and consolation she derived from God's word in her hours of loneliness and privation.

If time can be allowed we would like in extenuation to mention a neighbor who was highly prized, by the name of Chalker. The father was called Captain Charles Chalker. This family consisted of Father, Mother and three children, and came from Guilford Conn. a few years later, and were neighbors with all the word neighbor implies. With their demise the name became extinct, as no descendants remain. Another family by the name of Kingsbury came from Brooklyn Conn. and settled in the neighborhood, were very helpful in many ways, being exceedingly industrious, and of quite an inventive nature, one remains, a member of this church, or Maple Grove.

Ten years ago two of Hiram Ledyard's descendants went by automobile to Windham county Connecticut the place from which our ancestors migrated. It was a town of small pretensions about thirty miles from Providence, R.I. seemingly without much change for many years, owing to a railroad being put through, skipping the town, with the passenger station about four miles distant. Vestiges of its prosperity remain in the way of church buildings Congregational, Unitarian, Baptist and Episcopal, but the congregations are lacking. Attended Unitarian in the morning, not more than forty being present, heard a sermon on Mary Eddy. The Episcopal minister called in the afternoon and invited us to his church. Went there in the evening, 19 present including the choir; services kept up by endowment, the original place of worship a mile and a half from the town, the endowment was for that church, but the town decreased in population a more central location seemed advisable so a smaller building was put up, and the old church abandoned, save a service held there once a year, either Thanksgiving or Christmas to hold the endow-

ment. We stopped at the Putnam house, the only place of entertainment in the town, and formerly the home of General Putnam of revolutionary fame. He was born in Danvers Mass. in 1718 then a part of Salem. The building has been enlarged and is kept open during the summer only for summer boarders.

On Putnam Green near the house Old Put sits enthroned upon bronze and granite, said to be the finest equestrian statue in the world. Preparedness, vim and energy are typified in every line of countenance and pose. He it was who fought the French and Indians along the Canadian border, left his plow for Lexington, fought at Bunker Hill, was one of the four Major Generals of the revolution and defended New York and Philadelphia. In 1739 he moved to Pomfret Conn. where he became a successful farmer and wool grower. When the port of Boston was closed because of the Boston Tea Party, Putnam drove a flock of sheep from the Parish of Brooklyn to Boston to help feed the people. The farmers had long suffered from the depredations of a she wolf and her whelps, and made fruitless efforts to drive her from the neighborhood, which was new and unsettled. Her home was in a cavern, and though brush, straw, and sulphur had been used she still terrorized the community. One dark night at midnight Putnam entered her cavern by a narrow opening, with a torch in one hand, and a musket in the other, and shot her as she was in the act of springing at his throat, and pulled her out by the ears. We will pass over the miraculous escapes he passed through in his life, which can only be accounted for by acknowledging that a higher power protected him to aid us in bringing independence to our Country. In April 1775, tidings of the Battle of Lexington reached him and he left his plow in the field, turned his oxen loose, sent word to his wife Hanna, mounted one of his horses, and started for Cambridge, a distance of 68 miles, making the trip in twenty four hours. He was made Brigadier General. He came to Hartford raised a regiment, and returning to Boston took command at the Battle of Bunker Hill. On the Monument at that place we found the name of our maternal great great grandfather, William O'Brien, a protestant, born on the high seas, according to the family records. The daring exploits and escapes of Israel Putnam seem almost without parallel, and would be of great interest to readers of the present day. On a visit to his home in 1778 he had a stroke of paralysis which put an end to his active military career, and he died in Brooklyn Conn May 19, 1790 at the age of 73.

What is to be learned from these experiences of our ancestors? Also in laying aside our daily tasks one day in the year to keep them in remembrance, and encourage in the younger generation a spirit of respect for our forefathers, spreading the mantle of charity over their failures and emulating their virtues. A needful lesson is to bear in mind the words of the hymn - "Only remembered by what we have done" and to SERVE OTHERS, a quality to be cultivated.

A story was told recently in public of a lady who spent her life in devotion and sacrifice to others; she wore a locket, the under side of which she would never let any one see. After she passed to her reward, it was found to bear the inscription, "OTHERS"

Respectfully,

Emeline Ledyard Peck.

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 5, 1927

Grandison Loomis gave a history of the Loomis family; Flora (Loomis) Brown gave a history of the Reuben Loomis family; Mrs. Augusta Monroe Westgate gave a history of the Aaron Loomis family.

The following account of the 1927 Pioneer Day Celebration is given on pages 9-10 of Edna Loomis Loomis' 1955 book, Ancestry of Ora Loomis Russell [and] Edna Loomis Loomis and Descendants of Ora Loomis Russell:

A COPY OF A PAPER PREPARED AND READ BY FLORA LOOMIS BROWN ON PIONEER DAY AT CLINTON, PA., 1927

"The tenth annual meeting of the Pioneer Day was observed at the Clinton Center Baptist Church, Monday, September 5, 1927. The ladies aid served dinner----- Each year some pioneer family history is given. Grandison Loomis, aged 79, related the early Loomis family stating they took up their duties in this country in 1638. Mrs. Augusta Monroe Westgate, aged 84, told of the hardships and pleasant times the early pioneers had and gave a fine report of the Aaron Loomis family, her grandfather. Mrs. Westgate is a daughter of Uruia Loomis Monroe who lived to be 99 years old.

Mrs. Flora Loomis Brown gave the Reuben Loomis history. It follows:

REUBEN LOOMIS FAMILY HISTORY

"In 1816, Reuben Loomis left Litchfield County, Connecticut, for the wilds of Pennsylvania, with his wife who was Miss Sallie Westlin. He made his home near the present Bartholomew farm in Pleasant Mt. Township. They were the parents of seven children: Erastus W., who married Mehitabel Muzzey; Oliver H., who as a young man went to Honesdale, and worked in a shoe store. There he was married but died soon after his marriage with what now would be called acute appendicitis; Daniel went West and married and was lost trace of by the family; Hiram Pease married Laura Griswold; Marietta died while yet a young woman; Lucretia became the wife of Rensselaer Stephenson of Peckville.

"Erastus and his wife made their home on the farm just north of the Church. He was a man of fiery temperament, yet penitent of his fault. He was extravagant in his tastes, nothing but the very best being good enough. I am told that for many years he carried a fine gold watch which he prized very much, so that he always kept it wrapped in red Flannel when carrying it. Then when he wished to know the time of day he would walk through two or three rooms to look at a clock rather than go to the trouble of unwrapping the watch. He and his wife were very good singers and both sang in the choir, he being the chorister for many years. After the death of his wife, he made his home among his friends throughout the neighborhood, some of them being Ensign McMullen, Kirk Gaylord, and Henry Curtis, and later with his brother, Hiram, where he died at the age of 84.

"Hiram as a young man, earned his livelihood in driving oxen and working in the lumber woods. Shortly after his marriage, they became owners of a farm in Clinton. They were parents of four children: Theron Orsemus; Oliver G.; Helen A.; and Francis Earl. He operated his farm for several years then went with his wife and two sons, Theron and Earl, (The children Oliver and Helen having died in early childhood) he moved to Delaware where he was engaged in the mercantile business. Several years later, he returned to Carbondale where for one and one-half years he engaged in the same business. Removing his business interests to Aldenville, Wayne County, he continued merchandising at that place for five years. During his stay in Aldenville, his son Theron worked the farm with Erastus as his housekeeper, he being a splendid housekeeper as he always preferred women's work and sewing to manual labor. I am told he always made his own shirts and pieced a number of bed quilts. Hiram then returned with his family to his Clinton Center farm where they erected a fine new residence and there he continued to make his home. He never sought public favor but capably filled township offices. He was closely affiliated with the church and had its interests at heart, holding the office of Deacon at his death which occurred in his eightieth year.

"Lucretia Loomis for some time after her marriage to Rensselaer Stephenson, made her home near Hankins Pond, later removing to Peckville where her two daughters, Mrs. Ann Stephenson Belknap, and Mrs. Eliza Stephenson Tuthill still reside. The son, George, now resides in Seattle, Washington.

"Theron and Earl Loomis as young men formed a partnership in the lumbering business erecting a saw-mill to further their interest. The partnership was finally dissolved, Theron going to Carbondale to make his home, and Earl remaining on the father's farm which he conducted and also continued to run a saw-mill. Francis Earl Loomis married Mary Paynter. To this union the following children were born: Herbert, Flora, Russell, Nettie, Laura, Floyd, Raymond, and Nelson. Earl Loomis died in 1921, at his home in Clinton.

"Theron Loomis married Emma Squire. Two daughters were born to this happy couple: Ora and Edna. Theron Loomis died several years ago."

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 3, 1928

Among the historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is a newspaper clipping entitled "Pioneer Day Calls Good Crowd," which was published in The Wayne Independent. Written in pencil at the top of this clipping is the date, "Sept 3, 1928," which is the date on which Pioneer Day was celebrated in that year. It is from a xerographic copy of the clipping that was owned by Lois Curtis that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given below.

Pioneer Day Calls Good Crowd

For a number of years "Pioneer" day has been successfully conducted at the Clinton Center Baptist church. One of the moving spirits in this unique and delightful observance was the late E. M. Peck. His widow was again present this year and is deeply interested in every feature of the program. It was rainy on Monday in the morning, but in spite of the threatening weather there was a large attendance to partake of the bountiful dinner which the ladies had provided in the dining room of the church. As they have done before they served a delightful menu to those who came to have part in the exercises. A nominal charge is made to defray expenses and the large patronage each year shows how successful they have been in this part of the day's features.

Clinton township was settled over a hundred years ago by natives of New England many of whom drove their ox teams thru the woods from Connecticut and Massachusetts. They took up lands, built for themselves homes, reared their families, established their churches and schools and became leading citizens of Wayne county. They were mostly Baptists by early training and in their surroundings carried out the training of their family history. As a consequence there is a church at Clinton Center, South Clinton, one in the northern part of the township and one at Aldenville, of that denomination. The edifice in which this program is carried out reminds one of the New England architecture such as one finds today in the rural sections of Connecticut and Massachusetts, built and occupied by Congregationalists or Baptists.

A delightful feature and an impressive part of the program is a custom which they have had for a number of years on Pioneer day is reading the history of one of the pioneer families as part of the exercises. This year it was the Arnold family, read by one of the members whose name we did not catch. [Written in pencil on this clipping at this point is the name, "Claude," i. e., it was Claude Arnold who read the Arnold family history.] It was carefully prepared and showed the vigor of those early settlers existing in their descendants, many of whom live in Wayne county and others have moved beyond its borders and are making their successful way in the agricultural, business and industrial pursuits.

Among the attendants both around the dinner table and at the service in the auditorium were those who had come from far and near. This program is carried out each Labor day.

W. E. Rude, active in the life of the church, presided, and prayer was offered by one of the deacons of the church, Mr. Perham. Mr. Curtis had charge of the music as usual and it was inspiring as patriotic and devotional hymns were sung. A violin solo added to the interest also.

The activity of the society has been considerable this last year in behalf of the cemetery association. A plan is now inaugurated by which \$2 a year takes care of a plot, and \$50 endowment left to the incorporation guarantees the perpetual care of the plot. The editor of this paper was the speaker of the day and the address was appropriate along the lines of lessons from the lives of the pioneers, with present day application of each one's duty to his home, to his church and to his nation. Cashier L. A. Howell of Honesdale National Bank was with Mr. Pennell and Mr. Rude courteously called upon him for a few remarks which were responded to with appropriateness, impressiveness and good will.

After the exercises many lingered for a considerable time renewing acquaintances, greeting old-time friends, planning for the future of the observance and making the day another delightful experience in the history of Pioneer observance which bids fair to go down thru the generations as both helpful and inspiring. "Honor thy father and thy mother" becomes a part of the attendants habits.

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 2, 1929

Among the historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is a newspaper clipping entitled "Pioneer Day At Clinton Centre," which was published in The Wayne Independent on a Saturday following the Pioneer Day celebration of September 2, 1929, probably the issue of The Wayne Independent that was published on September 7, 1929. It is from a xerographic copy of that newspaper clipping that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given below. Written in pencil on the top of this clipping is "1929."

Pioneer Day At Clinton Centre

Pioneer Day program is held each Labor Day at Clinton Centre Baptist church. It has come to be an important annual event. Old time residents and settlers and their descendants gather for a good time and renew old acquaintances and meeting old friends. This year they are there from the state of Washington, Mississippi, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. About 200 partook of the bountiful dinner provided by the Cemetery Association and Ladies Aid society of the church.

At two o'clock all gathered in the church for the entertainment. Rev. Mrs. Bush gave the opening prayer. William Rude, the president, called on the choir led by Arthur Curtis and America was sung. The minutes of the last meeting; of Labor Day 1928 were read by Mrs. Hobart Curtis, secretary. The president then announced there would be a song by the Terrel brothers. Two sons of Ed. Terrel, aged 8 and 10 years, came to the platform and sang O Susanna, Don't Cry for Me, with voices clear as a bell and every word distinctly spoken. For an encore they sang "All Alone in the Moonlight."

Ruth Merwin, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bunting then read the history of the Bunting family. Then the song, Faith is the Victory.

Master Willie Bartholomay recited Lincoln's Gettysburg address. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis and is only 5 years old, but every word was distinctly spoken, and emphasis given to the out-standing words and sentences. It could not have been better recited by a senior, of high school. Miss Norvell Curtis then sang The Bells of St. Marys in a very acceptable manner.

The principal speaker of the day was Prof. Dunseith of The Technical high school of Scranton. He gave a vision of the early settlers on their way from their homes to the place in the wilderness that they chose for their homes, and of the hardships they endured.

The president then called upon Oscar Norton of Mississippi, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Norton, who compared our beautiful hills and valleys to the low flat country. He lives very close to the levees that are their only protection from the overflow of the Mississippi river. He was proud that he was the descendant of such fine pioneer stock.

He was followed by Wm. Patey, son of Rev. Mr. Patey and Mrs. Amanda Curtis Patey, of Washington. He wondered why the pioneers wanted to go so far away from their homes and why his parents moved so far away from all their friends and relatives.

The meeting closed by singing The Sweet By and By, and benediction by Rev. Mrs. Bush.-K.R.

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PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 1, 1930

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the 1930 Pioneer Day celebration:

Sept 1 - 1930

The 13th Pioneer Day observed Sept 1 - 1930 at the Clinton Center Baptist Church. Pres. W. E. Rude called the meeting to gether at 2 o'clock - Opening Song "America" sung by audience with Mr & Mrs R. V. Stanton of Honesdale accompaniment Mrs. Stanton Piano Vance Griswold Violin Prayer by Rev. Singer - Welcome by W. E. Rude - Minutes read & adopted - Duett - Frank & Earle Terrell Violin Solo by Mr Stanton History of Randell Family, By Ralph Randell - Song - Faith of Our Fathers Address Rev. M. D. Singer Song by Billie Bartholomay Voted to Send Mrs. E. M. Peck of Carbondale a Greeting. Closing Song I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord.

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 7, 1931

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the 1931 Pioneer Day celebration:

The 14th Annual Meeting

Pioneer Day observed Sept 7 - 1931 at Clinton Center Baptist Church Meeting called to order by Pres. W. E. Rude - at 2 o'clock. Opening Song "I Love To Tell The Story" Prayer by Rev. Singer Song Love Divine All Love Excelling Address of Welcome Rev. Singer Quartette rendered a selection Piano Duett - Mrs. Henry Bartholomay & Son Billy History of Perham Family given by Geo. Perham. Address. Senator Barnes Returning us to Paul's Time as Pioneers & Pioneer Missionaries His general theme Hold To the clean Things of Life Closing Song "America" Benediction

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 5, 1932

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the 15th Pioneer Day celebration, which was held in 1932:

15th

Sept. Annual Pioneer Song "The Flag We Love The Best" Prayer - Rev Singer Welcome - Deacon W. E. Rude Speaking of the differences in travel from Washington's time to now. Reading of minutes - Song Mine Eyes Have Solo - "My Pickaninny Babe" By Marjorie Rude Piano Solo - Billy Bartholomay. Instrumental Music - Mrs. Keith Arnold - Sons Vincent Violin Bobbie Snare drum. Song Geo. Hauser "Open The Gates of the Temple" "A Son of The Desert Am I" Song - How Betsy Ross Made the Flag - Dorothy Curtis Recitation - Wilbur Curtis Remarks - A. H. Curtis. Quartette Song - Star Spangled Banner Address By Dr. Fulton - Life of Washington.

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 4, 1933

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the 16th Pioneer Day celebration on September 4, 1933:

Sept 4 1933

16th annual Pioneer day was as usual observed in a very pleasant manner on Sept 4. Overture - Mr & Mrs J. V. Griswold Singing - America followed in prayer by Rev. Singer The Welcome was given by W. E. Rude The Quartette sang The Church By The Side of the Road A mental picture a century ago was given by Mrs Verna Varcoe Medley of old Songs - Isabelle Remsen Recitation - Margaret Rude "The Courting" By James Russell Lowell Encore Song "We are Building Every Day" Wilbur Curtis Dwight Rude Remarks - Moses Squires - Reading - Augusta Curtis Address - Supt A. H. Howell A Century of Progress The Ladies Aid served dinner & [? proceeds] were Proceeds from dinner

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PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 3, 1934

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the 17th Pioneer Day celebration, which took place on September 3, 1934:

Sept 3 - The 17 annual 1934

Flowers Invocation Rev. Singer America Singing The Church In The Wildwood. Greetings of Welcome by Rev Singer Solo - Geo Hauser "Open The Gates of the Temple" followed Mother Machree Recitation John Rude Song The Straight Line Club Earl Terrell - Franklin S - Stuart Paul Cook Wilbur - John Griswold Russell & Calvin - John Rude Recitation "The Master" Grace Westcott Song The Clock John Rude - Dorothy B - Margaret Rude Anna Mae Robinson - John Griswold - Calvin & Russell Arnold The Little Yellow Dog - Marjorie Rude Oration "The Value of Character" - Dorothy Curtis. Solo - "Life's Railway to Heaven" Rev Singer Remarks Mr Pennell Giving a tribute to the Pioneers Honesty in all things.

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 2, 1935

Among the historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is a newspaper clipping entitled "Pioneer Day At Clinton Center," which was, in all probability, published in The Wayne Independent; Pioneer Day in 1935 was celebrated on September 2. It is from a xerographic copy of that newspaper clipping, at the top of which is written in pencil "1935," that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given below.

Pioneer Day At Clinton Center

(Contributed)

Twenty years ago through the instrumentality of Sheldon Norton and E. M. Peck of Carbondale, a conglomerate rock weighing about six tons was placed in the cemetery at Clinton Center and on that huge stone is a bronze tablet listing the names of the early settlers as well as the early members and pastors of the Clinton Center church.

And on that memorable day, about 400 people from the immediate vicinity and near-by towns, gathered to witness the unveiling and dedication of this monument. At the cemetery a brief history of the first settlers and the early ministers was given by the chairman, E. M. Peck. After repairing [to] the church auditorium Sheldon Norton gave an interesting and instructive address on his boyhood recollections of these pioneer settlers.

At his suggestion, it was voted to set apart a day each year for meeting to commemorate the early settlers. It has been subsequently celebrated on Labor Day for the last two decades.

From time to time as we have listened to the history of the different families, some have dated their ancestry back to Revolutionary soldiers, some to John and Priscilla Alden, and now as we were about to celebrate the Tercentenary of Roger Williams, we unearthed a lineage of his blood.

In 1918, Rev. George Stone (now deceased) a former resident of Clinton was here and gave the history of the West family. During his retirement from the ministry he has lived with his son in Hollywood, Calif. This last winter he spent half a day each week in the Historical Department of Genealogy in the Public Library at Los Angeles. And in his research found he was a descendant of Matthew West. Matthew West was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony and took refuge with Roger Williams in Rhode Island. He was associated with Roger Williams in establishing the first Baptist Church in America as well as the first government on the basis of separation of Church and State.

It is interesting to note that the descendants of these two families of Clinton are neighbors living on partial tracts of the original Stone estate. Therefore, these neighbors can shake hands and congratulate themselves on their fraternal and notable ancestry.

It is indeed remarkable that so much history should cluster around so sparsely a settled country as Clinton Center.

While there are many descendants of these different ancestors lying in yonder cemetery there are still descendants living in the vicinities near by, who should accept the heritage of these vital principles so that our nation may ever remain a nation of democracy, whereby we can worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

The following is a program given on Labor Day in commemoration of Roger Williams: Song for assembling--"Come to The Church in The Wildwood," Bugle Call, Billy Evans. March and Salutations to the American Flag and to the Bible--by the children of the Bible Vacation School, conducted by Miss Lillian Westcott. Invocation, pastor, Rev. M. D. Singer; address of welcome, Violet Varcoe, a Daughter of American Revolution; song by George Hauser, a descendant of Roger Williams; song, Hurrah for the Red, White and Blue, by three little girls, Lillian Singer, Audrey Terrell and Virginia Rude, attired symbolizing the flag; Poetic History, by John Griswold, a son of American Revolution.

The Life of Roger Williams, written by Rev. Dr. Roger Williams of Greensburg, Pa. Rev. Mr. Williams supplied our pulpit during his summer vacation, while attending school at Bucknell about 35 years ago. The paper was read by Mrs. Hobart Curtis.

Song, It Floats for You and Me, by the choir; instrumental music, Billy Bartholomay, a son of the American Revolution; discussion, What Was the Life of Roger Williams Contributed to Our Nation, Politically, Socially and Religiously? a. Politically, by Rev. Dr. Pugh, Waymart. b. Socially, by Rev. M. D. Singer, Aldenville. c. Religiously, by Rev. Dr. Fulton, Carbondale. Closing song, Oh That Will Be Glory For Me. Benediction, Rev. Elias Jones, Herrick Center.

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains a handwritten account of the 1935 Pioneer Day celebration. Inasmuch as that handwritten account of the 1935 celebration was used by Lois Curtis in preparing the newspaper account of the 1935 celebration that is given above, we will not present here a typescript of the minutes for 1935, which, in the record book are entitled "Sept. 2 -1935."

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 7, 1936

Among the historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is a clipping, possibly from a newspaper, entitled "Clinton Center Held Annual Pioneer Day," at the top of which is written in pencil "Sept 7 - 1936." It is from a xerographic copy of that clipping that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given below.

Clinton Center Held Annual Pioneer Day

"The Pioneer or "Old Home Day" was observed as usual on Labor Day at the Clinton Baptist church. The day being pleasant, many gathered in the dining hall to partake of a bountiful dinner which the ladies had provided. The tables and auditorium were beautifully decorated with flowers. Everyone was in good spirits and at 2 o'clock, the president W. E. Rude called the assemblage to order and a song service was led by A. H. Curtis. Rev. M. D. Singer, pastor of the church, gave the invocation; Song, "The Church In the Wildwood"; Address of Welcome W. E. Rude. It was twenty one years ago today that the monument across the church yard was unveiled in memory of the Old Pioneers, who toiled, prayed and went thru hardships without relief checks, automobiles, luxuries of any kind founded the church in which we are met today. Great men are wanted, great women are needed.

The secretary, Mrs. Lois Curtis read the minutes of last years program which was based on "The Life of Roger Williams". Short readings by Rev. M. D. Singer; recitation, "A place for boys", John Rude; singing, "The Old Spinning Wheel" by the three little Gregory sisters; recitation "The Good Old Times", Calvin Arnold. Rev. A. D. Merrill of the Hawley Baptist church was the speaker of the day and the address was appropriate along the lines of lessons from the lives of the pioneers with present day application of each ones duty to his home, to his church and to his nation. Solo "Far Away" was sweetly rendered by Mrs. Richard Gregory. Closing song, "The Sweet By and By. Benediction by Rev. Singer.

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains a handwritten account of the 1936 Pioneer Day celebration. Inasmuch as that handwritten account of the 1936 celebration was used by Lois Curtis in preparing the newspaper account of the 1936 celebration that is given above, we will not present here a typescript of the minutes for 1936, which, in the record book are entitled "Sept. 7 - 1936."

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 6, 1937

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the 1937 Pioneer Day celebration:

Sept - 1937

The 22nd annual Pioneer Day was observed by the usual feast of the Noon day dinner. At 2 o'clock Pres. W. E. Rude assembled the congregation to gether for a song service concluding same with Singing, "The Church In The Wildwood" Prayer by Rev Singer

Minutes of last years meeting read - Mr Rude made a few appropriate remarks, after which Rev. M. D. Singer gave the address of welcome followed Singing - America.

Mrs. Ellin of Carbondale gave a reading also a song entitled - "When They ring the Golden Bells for you & Me."

A Tribute to a former Pioneer of Clinton written by Mrs W. E. Rude, entitled - Dr. of clocks was read and A. B. Baker of Scranton was introduced & gave a few fitting remarks

In 1915 E. M. Peck instituted the idea of erecting a monument in Honor of the Pioneers. Some of the older members of our church & community complied with Mr Peck's idea & the monument was erected & dedicated on Labor Day 21 yrs ago.

The Sec'y then called on Mr Emmons Peck & Grandison Loomis.

Rev. Geo. Ellin of the Carbondale Berean Baptist Church read Psalm 11 - using as his Address "The Wonderful Age."

Singing & closing with the Benediction.

L. N. Curtis Sec'y

The text of Mrs. W. E. Rude's tribute to a pioneer of Clinton Township (see reference in the text of the minutes for 1937, above) has come down to us. It is included in the minutes for 1937, and a typescript of that tribute is given herebelow.

"1937 For several years past a young man neighboring around eighty has been attending Pioneer Day. He formerly lived in Clinton but since has been living in Scranton.

He has been for 58 years at the mercy of time pieces throughout the valley. Within that time he has received the degree of 'Dr. of Clocks.' He has treated cases from the little time piece on a child's arm to the old grand father's clock of our forefathers day.

He makes them run without limping, strike without hitting, and hands pass each other without scrapping. He also makes their faces bright and shiny and tells us when to get up, when to eat, when to work, and when to go to bed.

Having all these qualities, Mr. Garfield Gaylord intended to sing "Grandfathers Clock" at this time dedicating it to this Dr. of Clocks. I'll introduce Dr of Clocks A. B. Baker

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 5, 1938

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the 1938 Pioneer Day celebration, which took place on September 5, 1938:

Sept - 5 - 1938

The 23rd "Old Home or Pioneer Day" celebrated its annual event Mon. Sept 5. First by an elegant dinner prepared by the ladies of the church. At 2 o'clock the following program was given -

Several selections by the Choir
Prayer Rev. Elias Jones.
Words of Welcome were given by W. E. Rude and Rev. M. D. Singer.

Reading of last years minutes
The Male chorus sang "Old Glory" and "Pennsylvania" - Mr Rude spoke briefly concerning the memorial of P. B. Bliss. The choir sang several of Mr. Bliss's songs - "Dare to Be a Daniel" "Pull for the Shore" "Hold The Fort" "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning" Rev. Straw of the Honesdale Presbyterian church gave the address Giving the Life of P. B. Bliss.
Closing song "Almost Persuaded"
Benediction - Rev. M. D. Singer.

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 4, 1939

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the Pioneer Day celebration in 1939:

The 24th annual Pioneer Day was observed with the usual good dinner. The entertainment was prepared Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Rude.

Sherman Smith & sons favored us with several instrumental selections. Instrumental music by Marjorie Rude. The old familiar song - The Church in the Wildwood was sung by the congregation. Pray W. E. Rude - Reading of minutes Welcome given by Mr Rude. Song America Recitation - Two Little Kittens Janet Terrel. Male Chorus - "Aint Going to Study War No more."

Reading - "Christ of the Andes" Address - Given by Dr Hess - On Americanism Giving us a picture of the two Symbols - The Cross & Swastika. The Cross stands for civilization Swastika stands for the overthrow of the civilization - Benediction.

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 2, 1940

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the Pioneer Day celebrations in 1940:

This year commemorates the 25th anniversary of our Pioneer Day. E. M. Peck and Sheldon Norton of Carbondale instituted the idea & the people of the community worked together got the conglomerate rock on the Lillie Road app. cost \$50.- He [E. M. Peck] had the pastor names along with the old settlers names on the plate. Mrs. Laura Loomis unveiled the monument. She was the oldest member we ever had in the church being baptized when she was 11 yrs old & died at the age of 97. We had the History of all the families that were settlers in this community. In 1922 we dedicated a conglomerate rock in honor of John Griswold. We had a Roger Williams program & P. P. Bliss program & many different varieties. One year Moses U. Squire from Seattle Washington was here & gave a talk about his boy hood days & others have done the same.

Many pastors have been back to talk to us & bring us cheer & encouragement. Many of the church members & community people that have moved away have been back and many have passed to their reward. Time doesn't permit giving the names of these people.

Many changes have taken place here - One we re-modeled our church in 1931.

Mr. W. E. Rude has been the faithful Pres for these 25 years & Mrs. Rude has prepared the programs. Much credit is due these faithful people of God.

I have most of these family Histories in my possession.

Sept. 2 - 1940

Stars In My Crown

25 yrs The Song in the Wildwood

Prayer - Rev Carl Bjork

Be Sincere - Be Short - Be Seated

"America the Beautiful - Fred Trumm

Reading of Minutes --

Song - The Old Rugged Cross & Let Your Lower Light

Be Burning

Sept 2 - 1940

The 25 annual Pioneer Day was observed with the usual good dinner & fellowship. The Song "The Church in the Wildwood" has been sung for 25 years.

Prayer - Rev Carl Bjork

The address of welcome was given by W. E. Rude -

Minutes of past meeting read

Duet, "Love's Old Sweet Song" By Grace Westcott &

Mary Jehu [? Jehn].

A Tribute "In the Nineties" was given by Augusta Curtis

The four nearing the century mark are George Perkins, Mrs. Emma Goodrich, Grandison Loomis and Mrs. Amanda Cramer.

These four did much for the welfare of our community.

Song - "Long, Long Ago" sung by Sons of the Pioneers - J. Vance Griswold, Mobart Curtis, Edward Curtis & Earl Terrel.

A Reminiscence was read by Lois Curtis of the different types of programs & tributes given to the Pioneer families.

Song - "Grandfathers Clock" Sung in Honor of Mr. A. B. Baker Dr. of Clocks.

Address was then given by our pastor Rev Carl

Bjork taking as his text - "Lights Out In Egypt."

Reading - Call to Prayer - Fay Arnold.

A very fine solo was sung by Fred Trumm -

Closing song - God Bless America

Benediction

Lois M. Curtis

Sec'y.

Included in the minutes for 1940 is page one of Augusta Curtis' handwritten copy of the text, "In the Nineties," that she wrote and read at the 1940 Pioneer Day celebration.

In the Nineties

We have in our community or near vicinity a quartet of people in their nineties. For whom I'd like to pay tribute.

We would rather have them here to give them a friendly handshake & hear a few words from them. But that seems impossible.

I think it is fitting at this time to congratulate them on their longevity of life & influence.

First we will mention Mr. George Perkins residing at Waymart he was a member of our Clinton Center church for many years.

Then we still have in our midst Mrs. Emma Goodrich for many years a teacher of our youth & therefore did much in making the splendid history of our community. Then there is Mr. Grandison Loomis, the oldest member of Clinton Center Church & a long time member of Moosic Grange.

The 4th member of this quarter is Mrs. Amanda Cramer. She has just stepped on the threshold of the nineties.

And she is a charter member of our W. C. T. U., an organization which extends a helping hand for the best...

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 1, 1941

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis, contains the following account of the 1941 Pioneer Day celebration:

"In Appreciation"

Twenty six years ago 'Pioneer Day' was first established with E. M. Peck as President and W. E. Rude as Vice Pres. After the passing of E. M. Peck to his eternal Home in 1923, W. E. Rude was elected Pres. and Mr. Peck's son Emmons L Peck was elected Vice Pres.

Since we last gathered here our beloved Pres. W. E. Rude has passed thru the Gates to his Eternal Home.

Mr. Rude was a regular attendant at all meetings pertaining to his church and all organizations in the community which helped to up lift mankind. We always felt we had a staunch friend in Deacon Rude. He gave liberally in time & Money and rejoiced in the prosperity of our church & all its branches by his good judgment carried many burdens we know not of.

He loved companionship of people and retained their friendship. To deacon Rude the need to the church its departments of work, his business life, His Home were a challenge to this Noble character.

Like the Apostle Paul he could well say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, have kept the Faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which is Christ the Lord."

Little did we think when he presided a year ago that His mantle would so soon fall on another.

"Sometimes, long after the sun is gone
As we watch the close of day,
The sky is bright with a lingering light,
Mid the evening shadows gray.
Long after a faithful life is gone
To that fairer land on high,
Our lives are bright with a lingering light,
For a true life cannot die."

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away!
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there;
And you--oh you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There, as the love of Here,
Think of him still as the same, I say;
He is not dead--he is just away!"
Visiting with his saints in Glory. LNC.
--James Whitcomb Riley.

Lois N. Curtis Sec'y.

PIONEER DAY: SEPTEMBER 7, 1942

The record book of the Secretary of the Pioneer Days, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis contains the following account of the 1942 Pioneer Day celebration:

Sept. 7 - 1942

The 26 [this should read "27"] Pioneer Day

Sing - The Church in the Wildwood

Prayer Rev. Damon

Reading Minutes

Business-

Motion Nira Griswold - A. C. Singer

Give Greeting to Mr. Curtis -

Get Program

America

Recitation - Violet Varcoe

Carrie Nell "Carrie Nation"

History of Flag

How Betsy Ross - Virginia, Lillian, Dorothy

Geuther

Song - Floats for you & Me

Rev. Damon - C'dale

Red for sacrifice - military service, glorious

task gone before & ahead

White for Purity - Ideal & Intention

Blue for Justice

"God Bless America"

[Lois Curtis, Sec'y.]

NOTE:

It is not known if any Pioneer Day celebrations were held after 1942. See the information that is reported under "Pioneer Day: 1917."

A homecoming day was celebrated in the Clinton Center Baptist Church on September 17, 1978 (see description below). This celebration was not described as, for example, the "twenty-eighth pioneer day" to be celebrated in Clinton Township. That is to say, this 1978 celebration was not, it appears, explicitly related to the pioneer day celebrations that were held in Clinton Township in the period 1915-1942. Rather, the 1978 celebration was a consequence, it would seem, of the same impulse (the desire to honor the pioneers and to celebrate the passage of another year) that resulted in the institution of the pioneer day celebrations in 1915.

HOME COMING DAY, 1978

The following notice was published in The Wayne Independent of Tuesday, September 12, 1978, p. 3:

Clinton Center Church will have Homecoming Day on Sept. 17

The Clinton Center Baptist Church along highway 296 between Curtis Valley and Waymart, was organized in 1831. Through all the years since that time it has stood as a symbol for good will among men, and through the numerous ministers that have served, as well as the members that have given of their time and talent, have endeavored to witness to the saving grace of God through His Son Jesus Christ.

The church will have a Homecoming Day on September 17. The regular Sunday morning service will be at 11 a.m. At 2:30 p.m. the homecoming service will be called to order. There will be a roll call of members, greetings from former ministers in person or by letter, special music by the combined choirs of the Aldenville and Clinton Center Churches, and congregational singing.

The highlight of this service will be a message by the Rev. Milo D. Singer, Edwardsville, who was minister of the Aldenville, Clinton Center and Maple Grove Baptist Churches for most of the 1930s. Everyone will be welcome to attend either or both of these services on this homecoming day. The Rev. Dwight Anderson is the present pastor.

Given below is a typescript of the program of the homecoming service that was held at 2:30 P.M. on September 17, 1978 in the Clinton Center Baptist Church:

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Phil. 1:3

HOME COMING DAY, 1978
Clinton Center Baptist Church
September 17, 1978
D. E. Anderson, Pastor

Registration - 2:15

Greeting - 2:30 P.M.

* Hymn - Praise Him! Praise Him! 115 - (80)

Announcements

Recognition of special guests -

Rev. William C. Cline, Valley Forge -- greetings.

In remembrance - Tribute to former members -

Vocal Solo; They have gone to be with Jesus -

Mrs. Dwight Anderson

The Prayer - Rev. G. Fay Crossman

Roll call of members - How many former members

present? Who traveled greatest distance?

Reading of letters from former ministers, etc.

Choir: Aldenville & Clinton Center

"On the Jericho Road"

The Offering - Prayer

* Hymn - He Lives! 15 - (286)

Introduction of speaker - Rev. G. Fay Crossman

The Message - Rev. Milo D. Singer, former minister

* Hymn - God be With You Till We Meet 345 - (295)

* The Benediction - Rev. William C. Cline



REINSTATE CLINTON TOWNSHIP PIONEER DAYS

TO: DESCENDANTS OF THE PIONEER SETTLERS OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP AND FRIENDS OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP

I propose that a Clinton Township Pioneer Day celebration be held on Sunday, August 22, 1982 in Clinton Township.

The format of the celebration would be the format of the Clinton Center Baptist Church sesquicentennial celebration, namely:

--church service in the morning;

--covered-dish dinner at noon;

--church service in the afternoon, featuring an historical program (a history of the Pioneer Day celebrations held in the period 1915-1942 could be presented; one or more Clinton Township family histories could be presented);

--luncheon following afternoon church service.

What are your thoughts on this proposal? Write to me at the following address:

S. Robert Powell
Post Office Box 161
Carbondale, PA 18407-0161.

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, PA: HISTORY OF CLINTON CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Given below is a typescript of the program of the 11 A.M. service at the Clinton Center Baptist Church on August 23, 1981.

COMBINED SERVICE
Aldenville-Clinton Center
Baptist Churches
D. E. Anderson, Pastor
August 23, 1981
150th Anniversary

"Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

Prelude Margaret Rude
* Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" # 165
* Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Responsive Reading Selection 27 NT
Combined Choir "To God Be the Glory"
Flute Soloist--Jannette Romance

Announcements
Bringing Tithes and Offerings to the Lord
Offertory
* Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

Reading the Word Hebrews 11:1-16
Morning Prayer
* Hymn--"Faith of Our Fathers" # 348

Sermon: "Three Faces of Faith" Rev. Joseph Westcott
* Hymn--"We've a Story to Tell" # 530
* Benediction and Quiet Meditation
Postlude
* Congregation please stand

Pray for those who are sick: Ward Lillie,
Catherine Badurski, Florence Robinson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome to the pulpit this morning the Rev. Joseph Westcott, a retired American Baptist minister from Parkersburg, W. Va. He is a native of Carbondale and spends two months of the summer at his cottage at Elk Lake.

A covered dish dinner will be served at noon here in the church. We are thankful to the ladies of the Aldenville Church for serving the dinner. Mrs. "Beth" Hauenstein baked the beautiful cake. Everyone is welcome to stay.

The afternoon service will begin at 2:15 P.M. Dr. R. Eugene Crow, the Executive Minister of American Baptist Churches of Penna. and Del., will be the guest speaker. A history of the Church will be read. A luncheon will be served after the afternoon service.

THE WOMEN'S COFFEE HOUR BIBLE STUDY at the Parsonage will be Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. All women are invited.

The original COMMUNION SET, except the bread plate which was lost, is displayed in the cabinet in the rear left corner of the church. We are thankful for the beautiful cabinet which was made by Mr. Clyde Steele, a member of Waymart Baptist Church. The Communion Set was kept by Lois Curtis and given to Kenneth Singer.

"Nothing before, nothing behind:
The steps of Faith fall on the
Seeming void and find
The rock beneath."

--John Greenleaf Whittier

Given below is a typescript of the program of the 2:15 P.M. service at the Clinton Center Baptist Church on August 23, 1981.

CLINTON CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
R. D. 1, Waymart, Pa.
Dwight E. Anderson, Pastor
August 23, 1981

150th ANNIVERSARY

Prelude Carol Morgenstern
* Hymn--"All Hail the Power of Jesus" # 252
* Invocation
Welcome Rev. Dwight Anderson, Host Pastor
Rev. Fay Crossman presiding
Program Chairman
Recognition of Guests
Vocal Solo LeRoy Spoor
REMARKS--Former Ministers, Guests & Friends
Receiving of Offerings
* Doxology
History of Clinton Center Baptist Church compiled by the late Mrs. Lois Curtis and edited by Kenneth Singer
Piano Duet Clara Terrel Plucknett and Barbara Plucknett
Responsive Reading Selection 1 OT
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Rededication
* Hymn--"He Leadeth Me" # 405
Message: Dr. R. Eugene Crow
* Hymn--"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" # 393
* Benediction Host Pastor
Postlude
* Congregation please stand

We welcome Dr. R. Eugene Crow as our guest speaker on this special occasion. He is the Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Penna. and Del.

A luncheon will be served in the basement at the close of this service. All are welcome to stay.

The original Communion Set, except the bread plate which was lost, is displayed in the rear left corner of the building in a display case. The Communion Set was kept by the late Mrs. Lois Norton Curtis and given to Kenneth Singer for the church. The beautiful case was made and donated by Mr. Clyde Steele, a member of the Waymart Baptist Church. We are very grateful to him for this.

The flowers are donated by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Singer. They are greatly appreciated.

The History of the Clinton Center Baptist Church is available for \$1.00 donation.

We thank everyone who worked and helped in any way to make the success of this day possible.

The following persons signed the Guest Book at the Clinton Center Baptist Church sesquicentennial celebration on August 23, 1981:

- Margaret Rude, R. D. Waymart, PA
- Heidi Crossman, Brighton, MI
- Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Pleasant Mount, PA
- Mrs. G. Fay Crossman, Pleasant Mount, PA
- Clark Hungerford, Cleveland Heights, OH
- Virginia Hungerford, Cleveland Heights, OH
- Gertrude G. Snyder, Danville, PA
- Edith A. Gardner, Carbondale, PA
- Richard Treshan, Prompton, PA
- Virginia Pauler, Aldenville, PA
- Kimberly Jean Romance
- Jannette Romance
- Todd Cotton Pauler
- Jonathan James Romance
- Eleanor Rude, 19 Reynshanhurst, Carbondale, PA
- Mary Tyler, 80 Park Street, Carbondale, PA
- Mrs. Walter Rude, 19 Reynshanhurst, Carbondale, PA
- Ms. Ann Tyler, 80 Park Street, Carbondale, PA
- Crystel C. Gumroe, Beech Grove, Bethany, PA
- Leona Curtis Vaughn, Ferndale, WA
- Bernice Spoor, Honesdale, PA
- Wilson Smith, Lititz, PA
- Debra Smith, Lititz, PA
- Edna Singer, Waymart, PA
- Beulah Gibson, Union Dale, PA
- Verna C. Varcoe, R. D. # 1, Waymart, PA
- Leland Hopkins, Aldenville, PA
- Violet Hauenstein, Aldenville, PA
- David Hauenstein, Aldenville, PA
- Dwight Hauenstein, Pleasant Mount
- Mrs. Dwight Hauenstein
- Nancy Hauenstein
- Darwin Geuther, Ithaca, NY
- Florence Geuther, Ithaca, NY
- Mark Geuther, Ithaca, NY
- Elva Bates, Endicott, NY
- Leeta Geuther, Honesdale, PA
- Mrs. Beulah Pazel, Honesdale, PA
- Rev. Joseph Westcott, Parkersburg, WV
- Mrs. Joseph Westcott, Parkersburg, WV
- Dr. John Keck, Parkersburg, WV
- Mrs. John Keck, Parkersburg, WV
- Earl Smith, Parkersburg, WV
- Mrs. Earl Smith, Parkersburg, WV
- Martha Struble, Bloomingdale, NJ
- Ken Bailey, Honesdale, PA
- Mrs. Ken Bailey, Honesdale, PA
- George Quigley, White Mills, PA
- Mrs. George Quigley, White Mills, PA
- Leonard Hauenstein, Aldenville, PA

51. Mrs. Leonard Hauenstein, Aldenville, PA
52. Timothy Hauenstein, Aldenville, PA
53. James Hauenstein, Aldenville, PA
54. Mrs. James Hauenstein, Aldenville, PA.
55. John Rude, Waymart, PA
56. Mrs. John Rude, Waymart, PA
57. Charles D. Curtis, Pleasant Mount, PA
58. Mrs. Charles D. Curtis, Pleasant Mount, PA.
59. Jeanne (Miller) Breidenstein, Honesdale, PA
60. Gwen Miller, Dingman's Ferry, VA
61. Doris Howell, Waymart, PA
62. Isabel Curtis, Waymart, PA
63. Faith Curtis, Waymart, PA
64. Thomas Curtis, Waymart, PA
65. Myrtle Curtis, Waymart, PA
66. Ronald Curtis, Waymart, PA
67. David Watts, Waymart, PA
68. Faith Stranad, Aldenville, PA
69. Leath Penn, Richmond, VA
70. Mrs. Leath Penn, Richmond, VA
71. S. Robert Powell, Carbondale, PA
72. Donald W. Powell, Carbondale, PA
73. Ruth Anne S. Rude, Glenside, PA
74. Frederick R. Rude, Glenside, PA
75. Robert Rude, Glenside, PA
76. Jim Rude, Glenside, PA
77. Beatrice Bartholomay, Waymart, PA
78. Clarence Fitze, Waymart, PA
79. Lois Fitze, Waymart, PA
80. Bonnie Fitze, Waymart, PA
81. Allyn Bartholomay, Endwell, NY
82. Joan Bartholomay, Endwell, NY
83. Gwyn Bartholomay, Endwell, NY
84. Cindy Bartholomay, Endwell, NY
85. Brian Bartholomay, Endwell, NY
86. John Allen, Birdsall Street, Endicott, NY
87. Frances Remsen, Lake Alden
88. Karen Hornbeck, 121 Belmont, Clarks Greene, PA
89. Constance Cooley Johnson, 193 Airmont Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430
90. Kenneth M. Johnson, 193 Airmont Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430
91. Norman S. Lund, Seelyville, PA
92. Norma M. Mead, Pleasant Mount, PA
93. Nancy (Hungerford) Bostwick, New York, NY
94. Robert L. Bostwick, New York, NY
95. Beth C. Hungerford, Cleveland, OH
96. Catherine S. Rude, Hershey, PA
97. Anna Fitze
98. John Rude II
99. Burton Chapman, Waymart, PA
100. Wilma Chapman, Waymart, PA
101. Alice Curtis Lund, Seelyville, PA
102. Ruth Curtis, Waymart, PA
103. David Hauenstein III
104. Mrs. David Hauenstein III
105. Wayne Zaayenga, West Chester, PA
106. Harold Jones, R. D. 1, Waymart, PA
107. Harold Jones, Jr., R. D. 1, Waymart, PA
108. James Robbins, 1114 Mill Street, Seelyville, PA
109. Mrs. James Robbins, 1114 Mill Street, Seelyville, PA
110. Becky Robbins, 1114 Mill Street, Seelyville, PA
111. Christina Mae Robbins, 1114 Mill Street, Seelyville, PA
112. Brian James Robbins, 1114 Mill Street, Seelyville, PA
113. Ray Bowen, 1217 West Street, Honesdale, PA
114. George Bowen, 1217 West Street, Honesdale, PA
115. Nicholas Buroff, Clinton Township, PA
116. Elizabeth Jones
117. Theresa Jones, R. D. 1, Waymart
118. Mary Noviskey, 88 Pike Street, Carbondale, PA
119. Mildred L. Thomas, 38 Belmont Street, Carbondale, PA
120. Harry Bowen, Aldenville, PA
121. Mrs. Harry Bowen, Aldenville, PA
122. Kenneth Singer, Box 97, Waymart, PA
123. Mrs. Kenneth Singer, Box 97, Waymart, PA
124. Rev. Dwight Anderson, Box 94 Aldenville, PA
125. Mildred L. Anderson, Box 94 Aldenville, PA
126. Mrs. Iva Robinson, R. D. 1, Forest City, PA
127. Brian Kobeski, Moosic, PA
128. Clara Buroff, R. D., Forest City, PA
129. Fred A. Oliver, 58 Canaan Street, Carbondale, PA
130. Dorothy Oliver, 58 Canaan Street, Carbondale, PA
131. Dr. Milton Wolf, Honesdale, PA
132. Mrs. Milton Wolf, Honesdale, PA
133. Verla C. Arnold, 1830 1/2 Fair Avenue, Honesdale, PA
134. Clara Plucknett, R. D. 1, Honesdale, PA
135. Barbara Plucknett, R. D. 1, Honesdale, PA
136. Leno Quick, Rushville, PA
137. Lydia Quick, Rushville, PA
138. Byron Bennett, Waymart, PA
139. Evelyn Bennett, Waymart, PA
140. Leroy Spoor, Honesdale, PA
141. Dorothy Spoor, Honesdale, PA
142. Elizabeth Giles, Honesdale, PA
143. Eunice Bigelow, Honesdale, PA
144. Rose Smith, Waymart, PA
145. Maude Shaffer, Waymart, PA
146. John Yarnes, Waymart, PA
147. Rev. Russell Edwards, Waymart, PA
148. Frances Osborne, Honesdale, PA
149. Florence Bennett, South Clinton, PA
150. Marian Bennett, South Clinton, PA
151. Beulah Smith, South Clinton, PA
152. Doretta White Calkin, Waymart, PA
153. Betty Robinson
154. Mildred (Wright) LaBarre, Susquehanna, PA
155. Carol Morgenstern, Waymart, PA
156. Helen Terrell, Waymart, PA
157. Helen Corey, Waymart, PA
158. Lettie Swackhamer, Waymart, PA
159. Ruth Bishop, Waymart, PA
160. Lillian Burdick, Waymart, PA
161. Bill Niemeyer, Starrucca, PA
162. Mildred Niemeyer, Starrucca, PA
163. Beverly Burdick, Union Dale, PA
164. Mrs. Beverly Burdick, Union Dale, PA
165. Joanna Cobb Gillow, Honesdale, PA

166. Eleanor Raney Gregory, Honesdale, PA
167. Albert Snyder, Waymart, PA
168. Mrs. Albert Snyder, Waymart, PA
169. Karen Renick, New York, NY
170. Rob Buster, New York, NY
171. Rev. Phil Shear, Mainesburg, PA
172. Betty Mae Shear, Mainesburg, PA
173. Tom Shear, Mainesburg, PA
174. Dorothy Hornbeck, Clarks Green, PA
175. George A. Hornbeck, Jr., Clarks Green, PA
176. Rev. Arthur J. Richner, Waymart, PA
177. Esther E. Richner, Waymart, PA
178. Anna M. Pollock, Honesdale, PA
179. Jennie I. Silsby, Honesdale, PA
180. Betty Mascar, Carbondale, PA
181. Rev. Philip T. Shear, Mainesburg, PA
182. Rev. R. Eugene Crow, Valley Forge, PA
183. Rose Smith, Waymart, PA
184. David Watts, Waymart, PA
185. Wyman Terrell, R. D. 1, Waymart, PA
186. Jack Pollock, Honesdale, PA

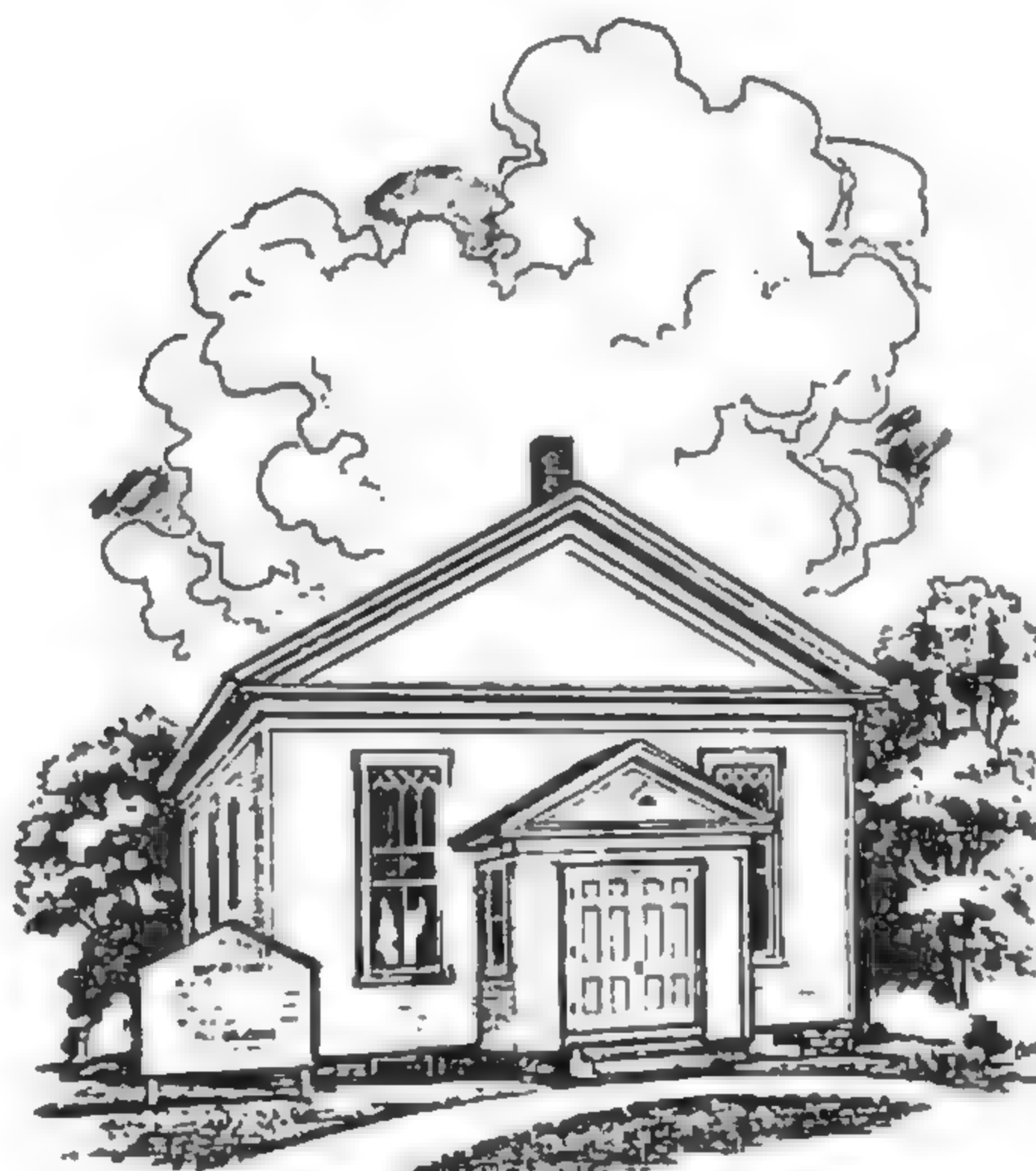
Due to illness, the following persons were unable to attend the sesquicentennial celebration:

187. Ward Lillie
188. Marian Lillie
189. Miss Florence Robinson
190. Mrs. Catherine Badurski

KENNETH SINGER'S HISTORY

The following history of the Clinton Center Baptist Church was written by Kenneth Singer from records kept by the late Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis. This history was presented at the afternoon service in the Clinton Center Baptist Church on Sunday, August 23, 1981.

One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary Of Clinton Center Baptist Church 1831 - 1981



WAYMART, PENNSYLVANIA

August 23, 1981

Rev. Dwight Anderson-Pastor

"Preaching Christ, Crucified, Risen, Coming Again"

HISTORY OF CLINTON CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

We are coming together today to review the history of the Clinton Center Baptist Church. Also, to pay tribute to the pioneers who have made possible this church and the beautiful and very productive farms which make up this community. As we do so, it is difficult to visualize the hardships that these early settlers endured during those years, 150 years ago. Most of the early settlers came from Connecticut. Among the first were, Rev. Samuel West, 1808 and Robert Ledyard 1809.

In September 1810, Levi Norton, David Gaylord, Rufus Grenell, S. E. North, and several others came on a trip from the township of Winchester, now called West Winsted, Connecticut, arriving in what is now called Clinton Township. They were so taken up with the prospect of the land that Levi Norton went to Philadelphia and bought nine parcels of land, containing 3000 acres, paying for it with "Pay Certificates" which he had received as pay when he was discharged from the Continental Army, having served under Gen. Putnam in the Light Brigade. In later years, Levi Norton established his home on an elevation from

which an excellent view of the surrounding country may be had. It became the Norton Homestead and was named "The Ridge Farm." Today, Mrs. Dwight Rude lives on this farm. (Levi Norton was the first person buried in the [Clinton Center Baptist Church] cemetery--1823).

In 1811, Levi Norton fitted out his son, Alva and he came to Clinton, arriving Christmas day. Alva, accompanied by another man he met at Mt. Pleasant, came down the North-South road, and erected a cabin at the base of the mountain, opposite what is now the Clinton Center Baptist Church. The cabin was 10 X 12, with split basswood poles for a puncheon floor. Little more could be done as winter settled in with four feet of snow.

In the spring of 1812, other families arrived, began clearing land and making homes in this area which was called "Beech Woods." These families were all Baptists and held services in their homes. In 1813, Alva Norton conducted the first Bible School in Wayne County. Several other families located to this area and began clearing land in order to build homes. Levi Norton had a saw mill on the land where Nellie Reese now lives. The Mt. Republic Post Office was opened in the home of Alva Norton, now owned by Neil Robinson.

At that time, Rev. Elijah Peck was pastor of the Strict Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant. He preached for them once a month for seven or eight years at homes in the neighborhood. The settlers gathered for miles around to hear the gospel. A number were baptized into the Mt. Pleasant Church.

Rev. John Smitzer, pastor of Bethany, preached for these people in 1823-24. Rev. Horace Jones of Damascus served from 1827-28. Thomas Teasdale and Rev. Charles H. Hubbard preached once a month for three years. Alexander Smith preached in the winter of 1830-31 and was ordained in Rufus Grenell's barn in summer of 1831.

On Oct. 23, 1831, the brethren and sisters, having been granted letters from Mt. Pleasant Church, met at the home of Deacon Rufus Grenell and discussed the propriety of organizing an independent church.

Deacon Grenell, D. S. West and Charles Fox were appointed to report a covenant and articles of faith at a meeting to be held November 3. On that date, the report was presented, adopted, and a call issued, for a council of recognition. On November 10, 1831, representatives assembled from Clifford, Mt. Pleasant, and Bethany. The council unanimously agreed to recognize the new church with 24 members.

Rufus Grenell, D. S. West and John Reynolds were chosen deacons with Ovid Grenell as clerk. Services were held in Deacon Grenell's home for some time. They were also held in the old barn on Theron Loomis farm, later owned by Clarence Singer and presently by Alex Grunski. Some remnants of this old barn remain today. Services were also held in the schoolhouse for fourteen years. The schoolhouse stood on the line of the Norton and Loomis farms, now owned by Ward Lillie and Nelson Corey.

In 1846, it was decided to purchase land and build a meeting house. (Deed for land is on a separate page) The first meeting house was completed in the fall of 1846. Rev. W. K. Mott preached the dedicatory sermon. On July 25, 1851, the building was completely destroyed by a hurricane with some of the material being carried several miles away. Among the things that were recovered was the original communion set, which is now encased in a cabinet mounted in the sanctuary. This communion set has been preserved by the Norton family to this day.

A new meeting house was erected and dedicated January 24, 1855. Rev. Zelotes Grenell preached the dedicatory sermon. A revival followed and forty-one were baptized!!

Many of the members became aroused to their sense of responsibilities and humbled themselves before God. Unbelief and despondency yielded before the gracious manifestation of divine power. The covenant meetings were well attended. At one meeting there were 90 present. The refreshing descended like a gentle shower until it pervaded the entire community. The hearts of the young and old were touched with the divine spirit. Husbands and wives, parents and children, yielded their hearts and consecrated their lives to the service of God.

This church has been responsible for sending many men and women into the full-time service of our Lord and Saviour.

In reviewing the minutes of the covenant meetings, it is very evident that discipline among church members was of utmost importance and held high priority among the members. They were disciplined according to Matthew 18: 15-18. At one meeting, it is noted that on August 22, 1835, while the church met in covenant, quite a degree of coldness was manifested by members present. Whereas, A. Davenport, had spoken harshly and manifested anger toward A. W. Norton at a spelling school last winter. He, at this time, confessed his fault and asked for forgiveness. The church voted to accept his confession and restore him to good fellowship.

At one covenant meeting, the only Christian present was E. K. Norton and one unconverted man. Mr. Norton read the Bible, prayed and talked of God's love and mercy for the sinner, the same as if the house was filled. Later, the man was converted and he dated his conversion to that meeting.

During the years in the middle of the 19th Century, many dedicated men of God filled this pulpit preaching the gospel of salvation. Space does not permit the full review of the work done by these men. One of long and faithful pastorates was Rev. James Remsen. His earnest desire to win souls was evidenced by the record that he baptized over 100 persons during his ministry. It is recorded that because of his loving and gracious demeanor, that no one could preside quite so well at a marriage ceremony, baptismal waters, or funeral services as could Elder Remsen.

Since that time, the church has been blessed with many men who have been filled with the Spirit of the Master. Because of the faithful preaching of the gospel during the years, many have gone forth to teach



Clinton Center Baptist Church Sesquicentennial Celebration. Photograph by Donald W. Powell, taken after the 2:15 P.M. service in the Clinton Center Baptist Church on August 23, 1981, of a group assembled in front of the church; photograph in the collection of the photographer. Front row (left to right): Catherine S. Rude, Nancy H. Bostwick, Margaret R. Rude, Rev. Philip T. Shear, Rev. Dwight Anderson, Rev. R. Eugene Crow, Alice (Curtis) Lund, Leona Van Tassel (Curtis) Vaughn, Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Mildred (Rude) Thomas, Bernice Spoor, Gwen T. Miller. Also shown in this photograph are (listed alphabetically): Mildred Anderson, Verla Arnold, Florence Bennett, Ruth Bishop, Robert Bostwick, Edna Bowen, Clara Buroff, Helen Corey, Mildred Crossman, Edith A. Gardner, Leeta Geuther, Eleanor Gregory, Crystel (Cook) Gummoe, Karen Hornbeck, Doris Howell, Beth Hungerford, Constance (Cooley) Johnson, Mildred (Wright) LaBarre, Norman Lund, Carol Morgenstern, Barbara Pluncknett, Clara Pluncknett, Donald W. Powell, S. Robert Powell, Elaine Quigley, George Quigley, Rev. Arthur J. Richner, Eleanor Rude, Frederick Rude, John Rude, John Rude, Jr., Laura (Loomis) Rude, Robert Rude, Ruth Ann Rude, Betty Mae Shear, Kenneth Singer, Wilson B. Smith, Mrs. Wilson B. Smith, Albert Snyder, Mrs. Albert Snyder, Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder, Wyman Terrell, Verna (Curtis) Varcoe, Rev. Joseph Westcott, Edith Wolf, and Wayne Zaayenga. Readers who can identify others in this group are asked to write to Donald W. Powell, Post Office Box 161, Carbondale, PA 18407-0161.

A complete account of the activities of the day on August 23, 1981 at the Clinton Center Baptist Church (program of the 11 A.M. service; program of the 2:15 P.M. service; list of the 190 persons who signed the guest book; Kenneth Singer's *History of the Clinton Center Baptist Church*; Rev. G. Fay Crossman's account of the celebration that was published in *The Wayne Independent* on August 29, 1981; Rev. G. Fay Crossman's letter to the editor of *The Wayne Independent* of August 31, 1981, regarding the account of the Clinton Center Baptist Church Sesquicentennial celebration that was published in *The Wayne Independent* of August 29, 1981) is given in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA on pages 13-16.

and preach the gospel. (List of preachers, missionaries, and licensed laymen are listed on a separate page)

Among some of the inspiring events of those early years, one stands out in particular. During evangelistic meetings being conducted by Rev. Brundage, P. P. Bliss, who was conducting a musical convention in the area, attended the meetings. During one sermon the closing words of Rev. Brundage were, "He who is almost persuaded, is almost saved; but to be almost saved is to be entirely lost." Mr. Bliss was so inspired that he went to a home near Aldenville, where he was staying at the time and wrote the very familiar hymn, "Almost Persuaded."

The Wayne Association was formed in 1857. The church joined the association in 1872 having previously had fellowship with the Abington Association. This church has had an active part in the Wayne Association ever since and has hosted the association on several occasions.

In 1866, the church voted to raise money to purchase a cabinet organ. In earlier years, the church had a choir which was led by the leader and a bass violin.

In 1881, Mrs. Laura Rude played her first piano piece during the 50th Anniversary celebration. She became the church organist and pianist for 63 years.

In 1903, Clinton Center and Aldenville became a united field, selecting a pastor jointly. The parsonage was deeded in trust to the trustees of the two bodies.

Five times drafts have been made on the membership to form new churches. Aldenville-1854, Phoenix-1864, South Clinton-1891, also Forest City and Maple Grove. This church and community have been represented in five different wars. (Listed on a separate page)

In 1915, E. M. Peck had erected a natural flint conglomerate rock, taken from the Moosic mountain, west of the church, weighing about six tons. This rock was erected in front of the cemetery in memory of our early pioneers and ministers. Nearly 400 people attended the dedication ceremony.

The church has held anniversary celebrations for the 50th, 75th, 100th, 110th, and 125th years. In 1931, in preparation for the 100th celebration, extensive renovations were made. The Ladies Aid Society of which Kathryn Curtis was president, raised over \$1600 for the project. In their efforts to beautify and improve the sanctuary, it was papered, a new floor installed, new seats, a vestibule added, two rugs, choir chairs and a runner. It was also painted inside and out.

On December 3, 1928, an Ecclesiastical council was called by the church for the purpose of considering the propriety of ordaining our pastor, Thomas T. Edwards. The council unanimously voted his ordination. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. J. Dwight Roberts of Scranton.

In 1936, a goodly number of men and women gathered for a work day and the sheds were torn down and the lumber piled. Thirty-five gallons of paint were applied to the church roof, while the women cleaned the church and supplied a bountiful dinner.

During the 1920's, a homelite 32 volt electrical system was installed to light the church building for evening services. This was prior to the rural electrification program of the 30's. In 1941, a new furnace was installed and hymn books purchased. A communion table inscribed with the words "In Remembrance of Me" was presented by the young people in 1955.

On November 19, 1957, the Wayne and Bridgewater Association joined into one organization upon recommendation of a committee, of which Rev. Russell Edwards and Lois Curtis were members. One of the bases for consideration was taken from Psalm 133:1.

The largest membership of the church was reported in 1876 with 169 members. Several went out to form other churches in the areas of South Clinton and Forest City. Due to a changing community, the present membership is about 35.

As we survey the past and hope for the future, God grant that we may meditate on the faithful, earnest and devoted piety of our forefathers and may it encourage us to be more faithful in our service to the Lord. Today, we find many excuses to stay away from a worship service, but the records relate that one lady walked four miles to church when past 70 years of age!!

In closing, I would like to use the parting words Rev. Zelotes Grenell spoke to this church on the occasion of the Jubilee Celebration.

"When speaking of the harvest fields and the pagan world, waiting for the words of life and of the blessings we employ, those preaching far and near from us, ask ourselves these questions: What have I done? What am I doing? What ought I do in carrying out the Great Commission? Then act for God and in view of eternity."

Christians pray that we may be awakened from our lethargy and help our present pastor in winning lost souls into the Kingdom. We do not labor for Christ in vain and as we walk in His footsteps, we shall be blessed.

Time is short. Improve it while it is given to you. The great good we all can do by our united love can only be measured in eternity.

Written by Kenneth Singer from records kept by Lois Curtis.

MISSIONARIES

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| AUGUSTA CURTIS | Graduated 1891 from First Class of Baptist Institute of Philadelphia, PA. Worked with Negroes in North Carolina, Baptist Orphanage in Kodiak, Alaska; in Montana with Indians. In later years was Director of Missions of Wayne County. Died at age 94. |
| AMANDA CURTIS PATEY | Graduated from Moody Bible Institute. Instrumental in organizing Blooming Grove Baptist Church. Did Evangelistic work in Puget Sound, Washington and Alaska. |
| NETTIE LOOMIS GRAHAM | Graduated Christian Alliance School in Nyack, NY. Went to China in 1919. Home on furlough 8 years later. Upon return to China, married Rev. Graham. Later driven out of China by Communists and retired to Canada until her death. |

PASTORS-MINISTERS

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| Rev. William V. Curtis | Organized and pastored two churches in South Dakota. |
| Rev. Lewis Peck | |
| Rev. George Stone | |
| Rev. Alexander Smith | Ordained in Deacon Grenell's barn |

LICENSED PREACHERS

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| Rufus Grenell | Daniel Griswold |
| Sidney Norton | Moses Squire |
| E. K. Norton | Francis West |
| Warren P. Norton | |

CHARTER MEMBERS* November 1831

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| 1. Rufus Grennell | 13. Harriet Norton |
| 2. David S. West | 14. Anna Grenell |
| 3. Reuben Peck | 15. Susanna Gaylord |
| 4. Ovid Grenell | 16. Amanda North |
| 5. Sylvester E. North | 17. Joanna Gaylord |
| 6. Jasper Grenell | 18. Ruth Kinyon |
| 7. John Reynolds | 19. Beulah Blanding |
| 8. William Bayley | 20. Lydia Campbell |
| 9. Michael Grenell | 21. Phoebe Grenell |
| 10. Jonathan Sanders | 22. Elisabeth Marshall |
| 11. Olive Norton | 23. Caroline Walter |
| 12. Sally A. Peck | 24. Elisabeth Willmott |

* The list of the charter members of the Clinton Center Baptist Church that is given here, as well as this footnote by S. Robert Powell, did not appear in the History of the Clinton Center Baptist Church that was read by Kenneth Singer at the Sesquicentennial Celebration on August 23, 1981. The reason we have substituted the list that is given here for the one that was in Kenneth Singer's history is given in the next paragraph.

All of the published histories of the Clinton Center Baptist Church state that there were 24 charter members of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, but all of those histories list only 23 members. In an effort to resolve this problem, S. Robert Powell consulted the original handwritten record book of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, and found the names of the 24 charter members. Those names are listed here exactly as they are in the original handwritten records. The reader is advised, therefore, that the list of the charter members of the Clinton Center Baptist Church that is given here is the only complete--and accurate--list in print of the 24 constituent members of the Clinton Center Baptist Church.

Regarding the original handwritten record book of the Clinton Center Baptist Church: Contained in the library of Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis at the time of her death was a record book, 7 3/4" X 12 1/2", which contains:

1. the original handwritten records of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church from 1807 to 1819;
2. the original handwritten records of the Clinton Center Baptist Church from October 23, 1831 to March 14, 1857.

At the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Clinton Center Baptist Church on August 23, 1981, Mrs. Wilson B. Smith (506 Robin Road, Lititz, PA 17543) told S. Robert Powell that she owns a typescript, which she made, of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and the Clinton Center Baptist Church original handwritten records in the library of Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis at the time of her death.

SOLDIERS BURIED IN CLINTON CEMETERY

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| Revolutionary War: | Levi Norton, Michael Grenell, John Griswold |
| War of 1812: | Erastus Halcomb |
| Civil War: | Joseph Bennett, Horatio Bennett, H. M. Bunting, Jefferson Goodrich, Emmet Bennett, John Griswold, David Gaylord, Daniel Leonard, Jonathan Lillie, Milton Lillie, Sr., Ensign MacMullen, Jolin Neely, William Ogden, James Snedeker, Anson Wheeler, James Yarnes, Charles Williams, S. S. Drake, Alvin Squire, Jobez Walch, George Spangenberg |
| World War I: | Warren P. Norton, Neal Dowtramer, Dr. Clyde Kern, Dr. Ray Toolley |
| World War II: | Robert Neal Arnold, Merton Geuther, Reed Giles, Calvin Arnold, William Anderson, Frank Breidenstein, Alfred Cookson, Paul Ihlefeldt, Ray McAvoy, Russell Loomis |

PASTORS OF THE CLINTON CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

- Lewis Peck and Elijah Peck--Supplies
Charles Fox--Supplies for 3 months
C. H. Hubbard--1833
Henry Curtis--1833 (alternating Sundays, ordained in 1835)
George V. Walling--1834
Joseph Curren--1837
James Spencer--1842
D. P. Purdon--1844
Henry Curtis--1845
D. W. Halsted--1857
Alexander Smith--1858
B. B. Bunting--1859
M. L. Bennett--1860
B. B. Bunting--1862
C. E. Moore--1869
James Remsen--1871
F. R. Allen--1889
D. P. Lappens--1891
A. W. Levis--1892
C. F. Hall--1896

- W. B. Grow--1897
Roger Williams--Supply 1900
George Winters--1901
George T. Gibson--1903
James Rainey--1905
A. H. Knight--1912
Grover C. Winters--1914
W. A. MacKenzie--1918
Floyd Childs--1922
William Shoup--1923
Robert F. MacFarlane--1925
Curtis Shoup--1925
T. T. Edwards--1928
Adele Bush--Supply
M. D. Singer--1929
Carol Bjork--1940
Kenneth Eisentrager--1944
William Schillenger--1946
S. L. Cobb--1948
Norton Vail--Supplies
Bruce Box--Supplies
Donald Bartholomay--Supplies
Wallace McKnight--1954
Phillip Shear--1954
Edwin Richardson--1962
Richard Bicking--1965
G. Fay Crossman--Supply
Kenneth Dunn--1969
G. Fay Crossman--Supply
David Lauback--1971
Dwight Anderson--1974

THE DEED--Recorded in register and recorder's office Court House, Honesdale, PA Book 14, Page 542

Erastus W. Loomis and wife, to the 1st Baptist Church of Clinton Township. This indenture, made the 14th day of July in the year of our Lord 1846 between Erastus W. Loomis of the township of Clinton in County of Wayne and state of Pennsylvania and Mehitabel, his wife of the first part and the First Baptist Church and congregation of Clinton of the Second part, witnesseth that the said party of the 1st part for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty dollars lawful money of U.S.A. unto them will and truly paid by said party of the 2nd part at or before the sealing and delivery of those presents the receipt when it is hereby acknowledged, have guaranteed bargained sold released conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant sell alien infeof release convey and confirm into the said party of the 2nd part and their assigned, all that certain lot piece or parcel of land situated in township of Clinton aforesaid and bounded as follows:

Viz. Beginning at S. W. Corner of land lately conveyed to said Erastus W. Loomis by Warren W. Norton, thence along the Belmont and Easton turnpike road north 8° West eleven rods f 64/100 of a rod to a post on the east side of the carriage way of said road, thence north 82° east eight rods to a post, thence south 8° east eleven rods and 64/100 of a rod to a post in west post in a north line of Warren W. Norton's land, thence along said line south 82° west eight rods to a place of beginning containing ninety three perches and 1/100 of a perch and is the same land on which the said party of the 2nd part have erected and built a church or meeting house the title whereof is infeof from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania together with all and singular the buildings improvements ways waters water courses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appertinances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversions and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and all the estate right title interest property claim and demands whatsoever of them the said party of the 1st part in law equity or otherwise howsoever of in and to the sums and every part thereof. To have and to hold the said lot piece or parcel of land above described and the hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the appertinances unto the said party of the 2nd part and assigns for the use following:

Viz. For a site for a church or churches meeting house or meeting houses for assemblies or congregations of persons to use for religious civil moral or scientific purposes and forsites for any other building buildings or device or devices for use and convenience of the persons or any of them who may from time to time meet or congregate on said premises for the purpose aforesaid or any of the purposes aforesaid to and for the only proper use on behalf of said party of 2nd part and their assigns forever. For the use of the aforesaid and no other and the party of the 1st part do by these presents covenant grant and agree to and with the said party of the 2nd part their assigns that they the said party of the 1st part their heirs and all singulars the hereditaments and premises hereby granted and mentioned and intended so to be with the appertinances into the said party of the 2nd part their assigns against all and every other person co-persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the use of any part thereof by from and under him or them shall and will warrant and forever defend.

In Witness, Whereof, the said parties to their presents have here unto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed and sealed in presence of:

Judge O. J. Hamlin	Erastus W. Loomis
B. B. Hamlin	Mehitabel M. Loomis

Received the day and date of the above mentioned and of the above named 1st Baptist Church and congregation of Clinton the sum of Fifty dollars and the full consideration money above mentioned.

Erastus W. Loomis

The following account of the sesquicentennial celebrations of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, written by Rev. G. Fay Crossman, was published in The Wayne Independent of Saturday, August 29, 1981, on page 12.

CLINTON CENTER

190 people registered for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Clinton Center Baptist Church on Sunday, Aug. 23. The morning service was held at 10:30 a.m. The church was filled. People were sitting in chairs and standing at the back of the church. The choir sang, "To God Be The Glory," written by Fanny Crosby, a blind woman who wrote over 7000 poems. Many were put to music. She lived to be 95 years of age. Rev. Joseph Westcott, a Carbondale native, the speaker of the morning, gave an inspiring and challenging message.

An abundant dinner was served by the ladies of the Aldenville Baptist Church.

At the afternoon service, thanks were extended to all who had helped in planning for the anniversary celebration. There was a showing of hands of members, former members, friends from Carbondale, Waymart, Honesdale, etc. One former pastor was present and given an opportunity to greet the people. He was Rev. Philip T. Shear, Mainesburg. Guests were recognized and letters read from former pastors.

Dr. R. Eugene Crow, executive minister of Pennsylvania and Delaware Baptist Convention, was the guest speaker for the afternoon. His message was based on St. Paul's letter to the Romans, Chapter 12:1, 2.

Out-of-state guests were: Leona Curtis Vaughn, Ferndale, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hungerford, Cleveland Hgts., Ohio; Heidi Crossman, Brighton, Mich.; Darwin, Florence and Mark Geuther, Ithaca, N.Y.; Elva Bates, Endicott, N.Y.; Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Westcott, Parkersburg, W.V.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Parkersburg, W.V.; Mrs. Martha Struble, Bloomingdale, N.J.; Joan and Allyn Bartholomay, Endwell, N.Y.; Mrs. and Mrs. Leah Penn, Richmond, Va.; Gwynn, Cindy and Brian Bartholomay, Endwell, N.Y.; John Allen, Endicott, N.Y.; Constance Cooley Johnson, Mahwah, N.J.; Kenneth M. Johnson, Mahwah, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bostwick, New York, N.Y.; Beth C. Hungerford, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Saintmire, Pomona Park, Fla.

At the close of the afternoon service, another abundant meal was served. Pictures were taken by Donald W. Powell, Carbondale and Chester. His twin brother, S. Robert Powell, Carbondale and New York, N.Y., was helpful in registering people. Two long time friends of the Clinton Center Church, and active in the Baptist work, were present, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sheard. As Mrs. Sheard is handicapped with arthritis, she was unable to go inside of the church, but many friends greeted them at their car.

The following Letter to the Editor was published in the issue of The Wayne Independent that was published on Saturday, September 5, 1981, p. 4:

Pleasant Mount, Pa. 18435
August 31, 1981

Dear Editor,

In the issue of The Wayne Independent of August 29, on page 12, was an article, in part, that I had sent in regarding the 150th anniversary of the Clinton Center Baptist Church; and as I made an incomplete statement, I would like to make a correction. Also, my report was not published in full. Could this be added to my correction?

First, my incomplete report: In my original report I wrote: An abundant and delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the Aldenville Baptist Church. It should have read as follows: "An abundant and delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the Aldenville and Clinton Center churches, with the help of some non-members."

The omission was as follows: "May the challenge of two excellent messages of the day be long remembered, and may we go forth with the same zeal and loyalty to God that has been done in the past."

Many thanks for your part, in advertising this event, for a wonderful day; 150 years is a long time. And the history of this church is very interesting. Thank you again!

Sincerely submitted by
Rev. G. Fay Crossman
Chm. of Planning Committee

CLINTON CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH: ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The program of the 125th anniversary celebration of the Clinton Center Baptist Church is as follows:

125 ANNIVERSARY CLINTON CENTER CHURCH

November 10 and 11, 1956

Saturday at Noon..... Dinner

Service at Two O'clock:

Song Service.....	Rev. R. Edwards
Scripture.....	Rev. Fay Crossman
Prayer.....	Rev. E. A. Benson
Violin Solo.....	R. V. Stanton

Recognition of Guests
Music..... Men's Quartette
The Church History..... Mrs. Hobart Curtis
Hymn 51..... "Let The Church March On"
Quartette..... The Ministers
Benediction

Supper by the Ladies

Service: Saturday at 8:00 P.M.

Song Service..... Mrs. MacKenzie
Scripture..... Mr. Donald Bartholomay
Prayer..... Rev. Charles Capper
Special Music..... Choir
History of their pastorate..... Mrs. MacKenzie
Hymn..... 290
Address..... Rev. Milo Singer
Duet
Benediction

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1956
Service - 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude
Choir Response
Hymn..... 27
23d Psalm... (Congregation in Unison) standing
Invocation..... Mr. Norton Vail
Anthem by the Choir
Announcements
Offering... Doxology (Congregation standing)
Selection by the Choir
Sermon..... Rev. Allen
Hymn..... 239
Benediction

All are invited to stay for a Fellowship Luncheon after the Service and to have a real fellowship with one another afterwards.

Contained in the collection of historical documents collected by Lois T. (Norton) Curtis is a six-page handwritten text, entitled "Clinton," which is an account of the 110th anniversary of the Clinton Center Baptist Church in 1941. It is from a xerographic copy of those six pages that S. Robert Powell typed the copy that is given below.

Clinton

Most of the early settlers of Clinton Center and vicinity came from Conn. Among the first were Rev. Samuel West in 1808, and Robert Ledyard in 1809. In 1810 Levi Norton, David Gaylord, Rufus Grenell and S. E. North, with several others came to locate in this vicinity. Tracts of land were purchased and they began the task of clearing up farms and making homes. Levi Norton had a saw mill on the place now owned by John Geuther. The Belmont and Easton turnpike was completed in 1821. A mail route was established from Easton to Pleasant Mt. The Mount Republic P. O. was opened in the home of Uncle Alva Norton's on the place now occupied by Jay Robinson.

These early settlers were mostly baptists and for sometime held services in their homes. Rev. Elijah Peck was pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist church and after a number from here were baptized into that church, and as time sped on they began to discuss the propriety of organizing an independent church here. They met at the home of Rufus Grenell, who was living near the site recently vacated by Clarence Singer. Having received their letters from Mount Pleasant church, and after the usual discussions, deliberations, and the general routine of business, a council was called for their recognition as a church on Nov. 10th, 1831. The vote was unanimous and the church started with 24 members. For awhile meetings were held at the home of Rufus Grenell and then 14 years. in a school house on the line between the farms of Arthur Singer and Arthur Corey.

The first meeting house was completed in 1846 on the present site, on July 25th, 1851 it was entirely destroyed by a tornado, rebuilt in 1855 when it was rededicated Jan 24th. Rev. Zelotes Grenell preaching the dedicatory sermon. In 1881, the 50th anniversary was celebrated and the Rev. Zelotes Grenell preached the anniversary sermon. In 1906 the 75th anniversary was celebrated. On the 8th 9th & 10th of Nov. 1931 the 100th anniversary was celebrated. At this time as you all know we spent much time and money renovating the church. We had very inspiring

and delightful services throughout the whole time allotted for the celebration. Now, to-day we have our 110th anniversary. And as we look back over these years we are aware of the fact we have had pastors of exceptional value, scores have been brought into the kingdom of God. The church doors have never been closed. Time forbids me to go on in detail and state what this church has meant to the community, and to other churches and the state at large, the christian work that has been accomplished in places far and near by some of our members, who have been preachers or missionaries. I will mention 12 persons now living, who have been on the church record the longest period of time.

Grandison Loomis	79 yrs	
Foster Sanders	64 yrs	
Augusta Curtis	64 yrs	
Lenore Rude	59 yrs	74 yrs
F. H. Curtis	50 yrs	
Fred Varcoe	50 yrs	
A. H. Curtis	50 yrs	
Jessie Lillie	50 yrs	
Josie Bunting	49 yrs	
dismissed by letter		
Jennie Lillie	49 yrs	64 yrs
Rena Cowperthwaite	49 yrs	64 yrs
W. E. Rude	49 yrs	

We do not consider these to be on the retired list, but on the honor roll of service, we might say give them a pension, not in money, but in kind thoughts, kind words, kind deeds and a whole lot of charity and appreciation.

We are grateful for a large membership of young people. We are looking forward for these to make their influence felt for good in whatever locality or work that they may pursue.

Caution - Never let these church doors be closed.

Motto - Be constant in faithfulness.

Prayer - May the fires keep burning.

The lights keep shining
And the blessings of God rest on this
little church in the "Wildwood."



Clinton Center Baptist Church 125th Anniversary. Snapshot by an unidentified photographer, reproduced here from an enlarged print of that photograph in the collection of Mrs. Mildred (Rude) Thomas, Carbondale, PA. Shown here, in front of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, are some of the persons who attended the 125th anniversary celebration on November 10-11, 1956. Readers who are able to identify any of these persons are asked to write to S. Robert Powell, Post Office Box 161, Carbondale, PA 18407-0161. A typescript of the program of activities of this two-day celebration is given in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA on pp. 16-17; see also the newspaper account of this celebration, entitled "Clinton Center Baptist Church 125th Anniversary," that was published in The Wayne Independent on Thursday, November 22, 1956.

GENEALOGICAL AND LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

Given on this page and on the following thirteen pages are genealogical and local history data that are potentially useful to genealogists, historians, and social scientists who are engaged in research on either individuals and families from northeastern Pennsylvania or the history of northeastern Pennsylvania. These data, in addition, are intrinsically interesting and can, therefore, be regarded as ends unto themselves. These data are primarily about Clinton Township, Wayne County: township histories, family histories, cemetery inscriptions, personal recollections by township residents, photographs of prominent citizens of the past and of their equally prominent descendants. Four of these pages of genealogical and local history notes are about the Griswold Reunion, one of the most important social gatherings to take place in Clinton Township every year.

Bibliographic Note:

Many of the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township came from Connecticut. Whenever, in these genealogical and local history notes, the author refers to Boyd, the reference is to John Boyd's Annals and Family Records of Winchester, Conn., with Exercises of the Centennial Celebration, On the 16th and 17th Days of August, 1871 (Hartford: Press of Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1873).

PHINEAS G. GOODRICH ON CLINTON TOWNSHIP

Given below is a typescript of Chapter XXVI of History of Wayne County by Phineas G. Goodrich of Bethany, Penn. (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880).

CHAPTER XXVI.

TOWNSHIPS--CLINTON.

THIS township was erected November 17th, 1834. It is bounded north and north-east by Mt. Pleasant, east by Dyberry and Prompton, south by Prompton and Canaan, and west by Lackawanna and Susquehanna counties. More than one-quarter of the township is taken up by the acclivities and declivities of the Moosic mountain, and is sterile and unfit for tillage. In the western part, as the line extends over the Lackawanna river, there is anthracite coal, the only portion of the county in which it has been found. The west branch of the Lackawanna and its tributaries afford ample water-power for mills. As said before, the Lackawanna river runs over into this township for several miles and a short section of the Jefferson Railroad, at a place called Forest City, where the D. & H. Company has a large saw-mill, crosses over into the township. The chief ponds are the Elk, Forest, and White Oak. The lands east of the mountain are good, are mostly susceptible of a high state of cultivation, and produce good crops of grass, corn, rye, oats, buckwheat, and potatoes equal to any part of the county. There are some large orchards stocked with rare varieties of fruit. The Nortons and David S. West led the way in the selection and cultivation of good fruit, and their success stimulated others to follow their example. This may be called the Pomonia of the county. The old north and south state road, and the Easton and Belmont turnpike road, subsequently following nearly the same route, afforded an early access to the township, and invited an enterprising class of farmers.

The following from Alva W. Norton is an accurate account as to who were the first settlers in the township:

"My father was born in Goshen, Litchfield county, Conn., May, 1759. In 1775, when in his sixteenth year, he went as a substitute for his older brother, Samuel, to defend New York. He enlisted under 'Old Put' for five years, in the Light-horse, and it was three years before he saw home again. When he was discharged, he received what were called pay certificates for what was due him and, in the spring of 1783, went into the township of Winchester, now called West Winsted, Conn., and purchased three hundred acres of land, paying for it at the reduced rate of sixpence on the pound. In 1784, he married Olive Wheeler and removed to his new purchase, where he continued to reside until 1812. His children were Warren W., Alva W., Sheldon, Clarissa, and Samuel. In Sept., 1810, Levi Norton, David Gaylord, Rufus Grinnell, S. E. North, and some others came to Pennsylvania looking for a better country, where they could worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. In pursuance of that purpose, they examined the wild land in Wayne and Susquehanna counties. After that examination, Levi Norton went to Philadelphia and purchased nine tracts of land, situated in the north part of old Canaan, now Clinton Center. In December, 1811, he fitted out his second son, Alva, and started him for the wilderness, and this son came into Wayne county, Christmas day. At Mount Pleasant he found a young man who had been sent out with some sheep, and the two came down the old north and south road to the base of the mountain, opposite what is now the Clinton Center Baptist meeting-house, built a cabin ten by twelve, and split basswood poles for a puncheon floor. Here they tarried during the winter, but very little improvement could be made, as the snow was four feet deep. Some time in March, Warren W. Norton, with his wife and one child, and Benjamin Johnson, with his wife and five children, came. The first week in June, 1812, Levi Norton, his wife, and the balance of his family, Horace G. Squire, and Michael Grinnell came; they were followed in September by David Gaylord and wife, and D. S. West and wife. At the same time Amasa Gaylord and son, Myron, arrived and made arrangements to move the family the next year and, in November, Rufus Grinnell's wife and eight children, which closed the colony for 1812.

In May, 1813, Amassa Gaylord, wife, and family arrived. About the same time Capt. Wm. Bayley came and lived with my father until he paid for one hundred and seventeen acres of land. In the fall of 1813, John

Griswold, Sen., and some of his family came from Torrey lake, and put up a log-cabin on land adjoining that of Rufus Grinnell, and, in January following, moved his family down on an ox-sled. In 1814, S. E. North and wife, and Fisher Case and family came."

Mr. Norton gives also the following account of a great wolf hunt: "In the fall of 1837, a pair of black wolves from the Rocky mountains" (or Canada,) "made their appearance in Wayne and Susquehanna counties. During the fall and early winter, in Herrick township, Susquehanna county, and Mount Pleasant and Clinton townships, Wayne county, they destroyed over five hundred sheep. In Mount Pleasant and Clinton there were societies formed for the purpose of raising money to exterminate them and pay the bounty. The amount of premium raised was ninety dollars. In addition to this sum, Alanson Tilden, of Herrick Center, Susquehanna county, and W. W. Norton, collected forty dollars, making a total of one hundred and thirty dollars. My brother, Sheldon, offered one dollar extra for the scalp of the he-wolf. On the first of March, 1838, Merritt Hines, keeping the toll-gate on the Belmont and Ohquagua turnpike, near Sugar-loaf mountain, received information from a traveler going north, that south of the Pete Stevens place he saw two large black animals cross the road towards the Moosic mountain. He supposed them to be bears until he saw their brushes. Hines immediately equipped himself for the chase and followed on, sending a messenger to Col. Calvely Freeman at Belmont, to follow him. Col. Freeman equipped himself, took the track, and followed Hines. These two men pursued the wolves eleven days and were in at the death. On the third day, having driven them south nearly opposite the Dimock settlement in Frost Hollow, about midday, Hines and Freeman called at a farm-house for refreshments and to replenish their knapsacks. The wolves, wanting their dinner, entered a farmer's yard and killed fifteen sheep. That was the only time that Hines and Freeman gave the wolves any time to satisfy their hunger, for they followed them so closely that when they lay down at night, the hunters could see by the place wherein the animals had lain that they never left it to procure anything to eat."

There are several persons named in Mr. Norton's sketch who deserve further notice. David S. West was spoken of under Canaan township. Alva W. Norton, Esq., now aged about eighty-eight years, taught school at Salem Corners, 1816, and afterwards in Bethany. He was considered a competent teacher, and was for more than forty years a practical surveyor. He was county commissioner for three years, and it is probable he was in that office when those destructive wolves were killed, which made us state, in another place, that he was chiefly instrumental in their capture. He lives with his son, L. F. Norton, and to a remarkable degree retains his physical and mental capacities. Ira B. Stone, Esq., once a county commissioner and now a resident of the town, married a daughter of Mr. Norton. Sheldon Norton was for three years prothonotary of the county. He was a very prominent man in the Baptist church. In 1815 he was assessed as owning forty-five acres of improved, and two hundred and fifteen acres of unimproved land. His son, E. K. Norton now owns the homestead which is considered one of the best farms in the town.

Michael Grennell, Sen., who lived to be one hundred and two years old, settled about one-half mile west of the Baptist church, where Horace G. Squire once lived, and which is now owned by A. R. Squire. He was the father of Michael Grennell, Jr., who married a sister of Mrs. Pope Bushnell. He was also the father of Deacon Rufus Grennell. The sons of the latter were Virgil, once associate judge, Homer, Ovid, Jasper, Michael 3d, and Rufus M., who was once prothonotary.

Amasa Gaylord settled on the north and south road. His sons were David, Carmi, and Giles, all of whom sleep with their fathers. Giles Gaylord married Joanna W., a daughter of Elder Elijah Peck, Sen., and she is still living.

John Griswold, Sen., was the father of Francis Griswold, who for many years kept what was called the Cold Water tavern; so called because it was near a stream of cold water that came rushing down from the mountain. Sumner was another son, and was a farmer. Horace was a son or grandson of John Griswold, Sen.

Sylvester E. North, a farmer, is yet living. He and his family were noted for making the best butter and cheese to be found in the county.

Fisher Case was the father of Ralph, Jerome B., and Robert Case. There are none of them living.

There were many families that have not been mentioned which from time to time added materially to the wealth and importance of the town, among whom were Daniel Arnold, a mason; Chester, Lewis, and Horace Buckland; David Bunting, Daniel Bunting, Jr., and John Bunting, who lived on the west branch; Bunting and Randall, who owned a saw-mill and tannery; John Belknap, who lived and kept tavern on the Judson place; Seth Hayden, and George Hopkins, on the west branch; Joseph Kingsbury, a farmer; Luther Ledyard, a farmer, who lived adjoining Francis Griswold; Pliny Muzzy, a farmer; James and George McMullen, farmers, of Scotch descent, famed as hunters; and Reuben, Cyrus, and Rufus Peck. These latter were the descendants of Elder Elijah Peck, of Mt. Pleasant, whose children were Elijah, Jr., William, Reuben, Lewis, Myra, and Joanna W. Elijah Peck, Jr., had nineteen children. The Sanders family were numerous. There were Samuel, David, Jonathan, Nathaniel C., David 2nd, Selma, and Sheppard, who were all farmers.

The following persons were all farmers: Ashbel Stearns, Levi, Levi, Jr., Jason, Jason D., Alfred, and Elisha Stanton; John Sears; John Sherwood, and William, his son; Charles L. Tenant, Sen., Charles L., Jr., and John A. Tenant; Washington Williams; Nathan Wheeler, son of Benjamin Wheeler; Jabez Welch, who was also a lumberman; and John K. Davison, who lived first in Dyberry and then removed to and died on the farm now occupied by his son, Warren W. Davison. The farms in Clinton are well cultivated for the reason that very little attention was ever paid to lumbering. Almost the whole of the original settlers were of Puritanic origin.

Aldenville was started by Pratt and Alden, who built a tannery at that place, and the village was named in honor of Levi C. Alden, who took charge of and ran the tannery. The village is well-situated for business and has one store, a post-office, a Baptist and a M. E. church. The tannery is kept running under the charge of Henry Alden.

Clinton has six common schools and one school in the Independent District of "Mount Republic." There is a Baptist church in the Norton settlement. The number of taxables, in 1878, was two hundred and ninety-seven.

JOHN GRISWOLD/ELIZABETH CRITTENDEN---CLINTON
CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH---REV. HENRY CURTIS/ELIZA
BANNING---HENRY BANNING CURTIS/LOUISA GRISWOLD
LEVI NORTON---WILLIAM C. NORTON

The following text was written by Alice Mae (Curtis) Lund in August-September, 1981:

The Way It Was. A True Story of Clinton Center.

By Alice Mae (Curtis) Lund

Everything has a place of beginning. I guess this will have several starting places. In all probability a road is a good place to get going. The Belmont and Easton turnpike (north and south) was opened in 1812, creating a way to get from here to there. A road invited settlers in the opening of the new country. This article is going to be a history of several families and their part in building Clinton Center. Let's get going with the Griswolds. Now, the Griswold family can trace their roots way back to the 1400s in England, but to do that, it becomes a genealogy, monotonous and uninteresting for a story. So, we will start with John, the Revolutionary soldier, Griswold, who was born in Granville, Hampshire Co. Mass. in 1754 and died Oct. 16, 1843, and is buried in the Clinton Cemetery. He served in the Continental Army, from which he was honorably discharged. In Oct. of 1790 or 91, he was married to Elizabeth Crittenden. To them were born six sons: John, Francis, Orin, Sumner, Horace and Sedate. They moved to Clinton in 1813, coming from Mass. in a heavy, two-wheeled cart, drawn by four year-old steers. The mother rode the horse and the little colt followed. They settled on the higher ground just south of where Moosic Grange Hall now stands. The loose stones of the old foundation were still visible some years ago. The old road was nearer to the mountain than the present one and was the one over which General Wayne marched his army. The family cleared the land and set out an orchard. Some years later a new cabin was built. Wild animals roamed the woods and were a menace to livestock. Nature was a good provider, fish and game were very plentiful. The fertile soil produced crops and grain. Maple trees produced syrup and sugar. Wool and flax were woven into clothing and linens for the family. Dyes were made from the barks. John Griswold was a deacon in the Baptist Church for many years; also prominent in community affairs, a steady and good provider for his family. His son, Francis was also an outstanding man, and pillar of strength spiritually and morally to the benefit of the community. John Griswold took on horseback the first grist of wheat he raised and started for Wilkes-Barre to have it ground. The first night he camped on the forks of a river, near the present site of Scranton. He caught fish for supper, and shot a young deer, which he dressed and hung in a tree to carry home on his return journey. In the morning he continued on his way to Wilkes-Barre and got the grist ground, returning to the same camp site at night. In the morning he picked up the venison and continued his journey home. It was a three-day trip.

In 1819, John Griswold had the homestead at Curtis Valley built for his son, Francis, by Levi Bennett. It was used as a tavern for many years, and was known as the "Cold Water Tavern" from the cold spring water, piped to the building in hand made pump logs. Drovers found shelter for themselves and their cattle for overnight rest.

Francis Griswold married Jane Loomis, to whom eight children were born: Lewis, Laura, Oliver, Helen, Louisa, Nathan, Alvin and Homer.

Now we will mention settlers who came to the area. In September of 1810, Levi Norton, David Gaylord, Rufus Grennell and S. E. North came from Connecticut, and upon arrival in Clinton were so impressed that word was sent to Levi's son Alva, who arrived on Christmas day, 1811, and erected a cabin near where the Clinton Church now stands. The next year more families of the Baptist faith also came. Religious services were held in the homes and in 1813 Alva Norton conducted the first Bible school in Wayne County. In the year of 1831, on Oct. 23, the brothers and sisters of the neighborhood gathered at the home of Deacon Rufus Grennell and discussed the propriety of organizing an independent church. Deacons were appointed to report on a covenant and articles of Faith at a meeting to be held on November 3, 1831, at which time the report was presented and adopted. A call was issued for a council of recognition on Nov. 10, 1831. The new church was recognized by the council with 24 charter members. Charter members were, Michael Grennell, Jonathon Sanders, Reuben Peck, Harriet Norton, Lydia Campbell, Joanna Gaylord, Elizabeth Marshall, Beulah Blanding, D. S. West, Sallie A. Peck, Amanda North, Caroline Walters, John Reynolds, Ruth Kenyon, William Bailey, Rufus Grennell, Olive Norton, Sylvester E. North, Ovid Grennell, Ann Grennell, Jasper Grennell, Susanna Grennell, Phoebe Grennell. Meetings were held in the homes until a proper edifice could be erected, which was completed and the first meeting held in the fall of 1846. On July 25, 1851 the building was completely destroyed by a hurricane, the debris scattered for miles. The original communion set was found and has now been returned to the church and is enclosed in a cabinet. Rev. W. K. Mott preached the dedicatory sermon. A new church was built and dedicated on January 24, 1855. In memory of the old pioneers and ministers, E. M. Peck had a natural flint conglomerate rock erected across the road from the church. The rock came from the Moosic Mountains and weighs six tons. In 1915 when the rock memorial was erected, the flag which covered it was removed by Mrs. Laura Griswold Loomis who was 89 years old at the time. She was the daughter of Francis Griswold. In the fall of 1832 the Bethany Church issued a call to Rev. Henry Curtis of Conklin, Broome County, N. Y. to become their pastor. He accepted the call and with his wife, Eliza Banning Curtis, and three children, moved to Bethany (then the County seat) and bought a home, and commenced his work there as pastor. The family lived in Bethany for thirteen years, by now the family had increased to six children, four sons and two daughters. The pulpit of the Clinton Church was filled by supply ministers until 1832 when Rev. Henry Curtis became pastor of Bethany and Clinton (at the time called Canaan). They now decided to buy a farm. Accordingly they purchased one pleasantly located on the west branch of the Lackawaxen, some three and a half miles west of Bethany (Edenville) (the farm was later owned by the Gillow family and is now covered by the waters of the Prompton reservoir). Rev. Curtis was now preaching at Bethany and Clinton. Rev. Curtis was born in Illston, Leicestershire, England, Oct. 11, 1800, the youngest of twelve children, and he bore his father's name. In 1812 they emigrated to this country, and settled on a farm near Gilbertsville, Otsego Co., N.Y., and upon the death of his parents shortly after they came to this country, he went to New York City where he met Eliza Banning. They were married March 13, 1824. He answered the call to God's ministry, his first preaching at Conklin, Broome Co., N.Y., from where he was called to Bethany. Shortly after he started preaching here, he commenced regular preaching at Honesdale on the site occupied by the Liberty Hall. His labors were continued there steadily until the constitution of the Baptist Church in 1842. From 1839 to 1847 he preached one-half his time at Damascus. From 1845 to 1857 his labors were chiefly devoted to the Clinton Church, preaching one-half the time in 1849-1851 for the church in Carbondale. From Feb. 1853-1854 or 5, he preached at Bethany again. During the time nearly 750 persons were added by baptism, and in 1854 his four younger children were converted, baptized and received into the Bethany Church. His labors with the Clinton Church covered a period of fourteen years and during that time the church enjoyed three general revivals. His residence in Wayne County of thirty-five years was one of continued labor in the ministry. During this period he labored more or less with the following churches: Bethany, Clinton, Carbondale, Damascus, Lebanon, Berlin, Ashland, Berlin II, Aldenville, Poughkeepsie, Palmyra, Lackawaxen, Barryville and Shohola, and Jackson in the Bridgewater Association. His field over the part of the last five years extended over a distance of thirty miles, and the nearest church he served was fourteen miles from his residence. The inclemency of the weather never hindered him from keeping his appointments. He was known to go when the roads were considered impassable for others. During his ministry he baptized over one thousand believers who professed their belief in our Lord. All his children were baptized by their reverend father and were settled in life before his departure. With the Clinton Church he preached his first sermon in this state and in the fellowship of that church he died. His last illness was brought about by excessive labors and exposure. His death occurred on August 13, 1867, after an illness of several months due to the above causes. He was sadly missed and mourned by the Abington Baptist Association.

We now come to the merger of the Griswold and Curtis families, by the marriage of Louisa Griswold, daughter of Francis, to Henry Banning Curtis, son of Rev. Henry Curtis. They were married Apr. 21, 1851. Born to them were eleven children: Elizabeth, Francis, William, Harriet, George and Augusta, twins, Laura, Arthur and Amanda. Two died in early childhood. Elizabeth married Albert Corey, Francis married Rena Stanton, William married Marie Peterson, Harriet married Milo Gardner, George married Jeanette Geuther, Augusta remained single, Laura married William E. Rude, Arthur married Kathryn Giles and Amanda married Rev. James Patey. Their descendants are too numerous to go into in this narrative. The descendants of these two bloodlines are generally good, industrious, honest, God-fearing and loving people.

Levi Norton's entrance into Clinton was in 1810. He was also a Revolutionary War veteran, born at Goshen,

Connecticut, in May 1759, and married Olive Wheeler in 1784. Their family consisted of Warren W., Alva W., Sheldon, Clarissa, and Samuel. Mr. Norton exchanged his "pay certificates" for 3000 acres in Clinton. Levi's son Sheldon was the owner and developer of Ridge Farm. He was born in Connecticut, Nov. 26, 1793, and was married to Harriet, daughter of Grinnell Spencer. Their children were Edmund Kirby, Oscar, Abigail J. and Mary E. Mr. Norton and his son Oscar died suddenly in the west in September 1838. While Sheldon had cleared much of the farm, most of the improvements were made by "E. K." as his son was familiarly called. E. K. Norton and Clarissa McMullen were united in marriage and born to them were: Sheldon, William C., Elizabeth and Emma. E. K. died Oct. 15, 1895 and his wife followed on April 2, 1897. Ridge Farm passed to Wm. C. Norton, who was twice married, first to Mary Stone, and one son, Oscar, was born to them. His second wife was Jessie, daughter of Albert R. Peck. They had two living sons, Albert and Elwin. Ridge Farm is located in Clinton and borders on the north shore of White Oak Lake (Pond). The residence and the farm buildings are on an elevation commanding an excellent view of the surrounding countryside. Will Norton devoted much time to raising purebred Berkshire swine, many of which he had pictures etched and framed. Some of the pictures still exist. He began the swine business in 1875 and for a number of years his drove captured all prizes at county and state fairs throughout the west. In 1892, he lost his whole drove to cholera. A later attempt to get back into the swine business ended by being wiped out again by cholera. He brought the first purebred Jersey cattle into Wayne County, and had a large herd of registered Jerseys at one time. After 1883, he devoted much of his time to his cattle. In 1888 he began breeding Hambletonian race horses. He bred a number of horses which made good track records. Hambletonian Prince stood at stud for some time at Ridge Farm. His stallion Goldseeker established a track record of 2:26 1/4.

Wm. C. Norton was born in Clinton in 1852 and was educated in the public schools and Delaware Institute at Franklin, N.Y. He was a fine judge of livestock and he was frequently called on to judge at state and county fairs. He served as one of the judges at the World's Fair, in Chicago, in 1893. He served in numerous public offices and as county treasurer; also was elected to the House of Representatives, where his record was an honorable one. Through a series of unfortunate business reverses, he lost Ridge Farm in 1911, and it was taken over by Wm. E. and Laura Curtis Rude. Will Norton's son Oscar and Elwin were veterinarians in Greenville, Miss., for many years. His son, Elwin, was married to Irene, daughter of George and Jeanette (Geuther) Curtis. To them were born Wm. Curtis Norton, Marjorie Louise, Elise Banning and Elwin Sheldon. Elwin Sheldon lost his life in the second World War, the shock leading to the early death of both his parents. Elise Banning Oleinik (Dr. John) is also deceased. Elwin's son Wm. C. also has a son Wm. C.

Another union of the Curtis and Norton families was Hobart Curtis and Lois Norton, Lois being from a Norton line other than the Ridge Farm Nortons. There were other families that went into the make-up of Clinton Center and added their bit but theirs is another story, and will have to be written by someone other than this author.

HIRAM PEASE LOOMIS

The following biographical sketch of Hiram P. Loomis is given in Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania (Chicago: J. H. Beers and Co., 1900, pp. 661-662):

HIRAM P. LOOMIS. The Loomis family has from early pioneer days been prominently identified with the growth and development of Wayne county. Our subject traces his ancestry back for nine generations, the first of whom he has any record being Joseph Loomis, who was born about 1590, and was a woolen draper in Braintree, Essex, England. Deciding to try his fortune in America, he, with his five sons and three daughters, sailed from London, April 11, 1638, in the ship "Susan and Ellen." He died November 25, 1658. From him to our subject in direct line are Joseph; Nathaniel, David, Aaron, Ephraim, and Reuben.

Reuben Loomis (our subject's father) was born October 9, 1785, in Torrington township, Litchfield Co., Conn., and died in 1848. He married Miss Sallie Westlin, and they became the parents of seven children: Erastus, born April 9, 1810, died December 31, 1894; Oliver H., born in 1812, died December 25, 1838; Daniel D., born in 1814, died in 1841; Reuben F., born June 18, 1817, died June 1, 1833; Hiram P., is next in the family; Mariette, born January 2, 1821, died at Mt. Pleasant, Wayne county, in 1848; and Lucretia, born December 5, 1832, is the wife of Rensselaer Stephenson, of Peckville, Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was born December 9, 1819, at Mt. Pleasant, Wayne county, and at the age of twenty-nine purchased a farm in Clinton township, which he successfully operated for several years. The following three years he spent in Delaware, and he afterward, for one and one-half years, engaged in mercantile business in Carbondale, Penn. Removing his business interests to Aldenville, Wayne county, he continued merchandising at that place for five years, and then returned to the old homestead in Wayne county, where he owns 250 acres of valuable and improved land. Upon this farm Mr. Loomis erected a beautiful residence at a cost of \$5,000, and the outbuildings alone are valued at \$2,000. A sawmill, belonging to the estate, was burned in 1896; at a loss of \$1,500, but it is now being rebuilt by some of the younger members of the family. This model farm is stocked with four horses, thirty head of cattle, besides calves and hogs.

At Aldenville, May 20, 1846, Mr. Loomis was united in marriage with Miss Laura Griswold, and together they have traveled life's journey for over half a century, sharing its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity. Her parents were Francis and Jane (Loomis) Griswold, the former a native of Massachusetts, and an honored pioneer of Clinton township, Wayne county. In the Griswold family were six children, namely: Louis, born January 31, 1822, died January 6, 1832; Alvin, born April 22, 1824, died in New York State in September, 1849; Laura, born July 7, 1826, is the wife of our subject; Louisa, born November 2, 1828, is the wife of H. B. Curtis; Nathan, born March 21, 1832, is a resident of Clinton township, Wayne county; and Homer, born March 14, 1835, died April 1, 1874.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Loomis are as follows: Theron O., born February 25, 1848, is a resident of Carbondale, Penn.; Oliver G., born August 16, 1857, died April 23, 1862; Helen A., born February 25, 1860, died November 17, same year; and Francis E., born December 17, 1861, wedded Mary E. Paynter, and has five children--Flora, Herbert, Nettie, Floyd and Laura. Francis E. Loomis is an energetic and progressive young man, now successfully engaged in lumbering.

Mr. Loomis was reared under Democratic influences, but seeing that Republican principles more closely agreed with his political ideas, he has for more than fifty years supported the platform of the "grand old party." He has never sought public favor, but has capably filled most of the township offices, being assessor four years, town clerk, overseer of the poor and school director. Religiously he and his family are connected with the Baptist Church, and in the social world occupy a prominent position.

JOHN AND MARY BANNING

In 1980, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis graciously allowed the author and Donald W. Powell to borrow and make xerographic copies of a large quantity of historical documents in her collection. All of those documents were copied and returned by the Brothers Powell to Lois Curtis in 1980, and were in Lois Curtis' document archive at the time of her death on May 27, 1981. Among those documents are three typewritten pages of information about the Banning family, a typescript of which, by S. Robert Powell, is given below. Note: Eliza Banning married, on March 13, 1824, Rev. Henry Curtis.

BANNING

John and Mary Banning of the city of Reading, Berkshire, Eng., came to this country in the year 1818, and settled in the city of New York.

Mary, his wife, was married to him at the age of sixteen, and he was then a widower with grown up children. His business was that of a shoe manufacturer, and he employed quite a number of workmen. He was a modest, unostentatious man, and highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors, as was shown by the attention paid him as he with his oldest son stood on the rear of the stage ready to depart from his town, to sail for America. The street was filled with people who gathered to pay their last respects to him, and the picture of his figure as they moved away waving an adieu, was vivid to his oldest daughter Eliza, who after a period of 60 years related the incident with emotion to her children. He came over with his oldest son (John) and the remainder of the family (wife and nine children), came in the same vessel on its next trip. He was seven weeks on the water, and the rest of them five. Sailing vessels then only were known. (A letter written by him on his arrival at New York and sent back to his wife, is still in possession of some of the Olivers, and a copy would be exceedingly interesting to insert here.) Also a view opposite the home in Reading painted by Frederick Scatcherd, and presented to Eliza Banning, but now in possession of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Haight.

Of John Banning's antecedents nothing is known. Mary Banning was of noble birth. The great great grandfather was Lord Arthur Hamblin, who engaged in a rebellion against the government, the actual fight occurring Oct. 5th, 1715. He owned a large estate which was confiscated on account of the above mentioned facts.

With the hope of recovering the estate, Mary Banning who with her husband were at that time Congregationalists, had her children christened by a rector in the parish church, so as to have their names recorded in a book of the church of England.

John Banning, Sr., died April 17, 1820, of consumption.

Mary, his wife, died July 4th, 1851.

John Banning, Jr., M.D., died July 6th, 1823, in Charleston, S.C. of yellow fever. He was married to Miss Maria Wells, who after his death married a Mr. Booth. John Banning was a student of Dr. Valentine Mott.

Eliza Banning - Curtis, was born in Reading, England, Oct. 19, 1801. Came to this country in 1818. Was baptized in the Oliver St. Baptist Church in New York City by Rev. John Williams, 1819. Married to Rev. Henry Curtis March 13, 1824. Died at Aldenville, Pa., May 26, 1879. She was the mother of eight children.

Maria Banning was married to Frederick Scatcherd. Died Nov. 7, 1859. She had three children - Sara Chester, Maria Rhodes and Charlotte Demeray.

Harriet Banning married Jacob Van Tassel. Died Sept. 27, 1875, at Tarrytown, aged 72 years. Had two children, William and John.

Caroline Banning married Thomas Kelland. Had two children, Jane and John. Died.

Alpheus Banning, born March 2nd, 1809. Married Miss Jane Cochran, Feb. 20th, 1833.

Mary Banning, born Sept. 21, 1812. Married to Frank Nash. Had four children - Mary Buck, Daniel, Frank, and Susan Buxton. Married James Lock 1856. Died July 21st, 1887.

Elizabeth Banning, married Wheelock Corby. She was born Jan. 2, 1815. Was married when she was 16 years old. Had ten children, six girls and four boys. (1 pair of twins.) She died Aug. 15, 1870. "And never was there one better than she or more lovely."--A. B. Corby.

Emma Banning, born Aug. 31st, 1816. Married Joseph Oliver, Dec. 31st, 1833. Died Apr. 21st, 1881. Had six children - Joseph, John, Frank, Mary Emma Peck, Fannie Serples, and Marcie Hendrickson.

Sarah Banning, born May 1st, 1814. Married to John W. Avery, Feb. 1831. Had eight sons. Died May 6th, 1886.

[No indication of author or source is given for the above information on the Banning family.]

MICHAEL GRENNELL

The obituary of Michael Grennell that is given below was published in THE ADVANCE (Volume I, Number 40, Saturday, February 27, 1858, p. 2, col. 6 bottom and col. 7 top), wherein it was discovered by Donald W. Powell, who appended a copy thereof to page 139 (18 April 1979) of his 1978-1979 letter to the author. It is from that copy that the copy that is given below was typed by the author.

DIED.

In Clinton, Wayne Co. Penn'a. Feb. 13th, 1858, Mr MICHAEL GRENNELL, aged 105 years, 10 months and 13 days.

The subject of this notice was born in Saybrook, Conn., April 1st (March 20th, O.S.) 1752. In 1777, at the age of 25, he was united in marriage with Miss Susanna Balcom, by whom he had six children, four of whom survive him. His wife died in 1825. He took a deep interest in the Revolutionary struggle and early entered the regular army. Having been some months in the regular service he was taken sick, and by the advice of the commanding officer he retired from the army, and returned home to recruit his enfeebled health. He did not return to the regular service but volunteered when necessary for the defence of the towns and military posts on the Hudson River and Long Island Sound and also in the vicinity of Boston. He was in the city of New York in 1776 and witnessed the enthusiasm of the army and people on receiving the news of the Declaration of Independence. He also saw the people pull down the statue of King George and ride it thorough the streets on a wooden horse. He distinctly recollected those stirring events and frequently related them with great interest and animation. He has voted at every Presidential election in the United States; always supporting the Democratic nominee, except in the case of Washington and Fremont. Can this be said of another! We challenge a parallel!

He early made a public profession of religion and united with the Congregational Church. He became a member of the Baptist Church in 1800, and continued in that communion until his decease. He emigrated to Pennsylvania and settled in Clinton, Wayne Co., in 1825, where he has since lived as an example of consistent piety. He was regular in his religious duties and devotions up to the day of his death. He was accustomed to pray three times each day at stated hours. At about 3 o'clock, p.m., he uniformly prayed for the church and ministry; his country and her rulers and also for the husbandman, that his labors might be blessed, "that he might have wherewith to present before the Lord."

Communicated.

WHITES VALLEY

On September 22, 1981, Rev. G. Fay Crossman (R. D. 1, Box 28, Pleasant Mount, PA 18453) wrote a letter to Donald W. Powell which contained the following paragraph of information about Whites Valley, Wayne County, PA:

"When I was a boy (many years ago) and living in Whites Valley, there was a lumber mill there that made heading for butter and lard tubs, broom handles and umbrella sticks, and I believe wood shingles. It has been gone many years and I don't know if any one around Whites Valley has any pictures of it. Previous to the wood business they had made woven wire bed springs. A grandson of the man that owned the mill still lives there but he is not one for pictures, says 'Just remember how it looks.' If you should be interested, I can easily find out. He and I went to school together (Stone School), played together, and at times fought each other..."

WRIGHT

The following information about the Wright family is contained in the history of Mount Pleasant Township in History of Wayne County by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), pp. 205-206:

"Dr. Uriah Wright settled in the town in 1814. He came from Berkshire county, Massachusetts. His ancestors were people of note. Asa Wright, his grandfather, was an architect and planned and superintended the building of Dartmouth College, where his father, Dr. Asahel Wright, (the father of Uriah Wright,) was afterwards educated, and who was appointed physician and surgeon in the Navy during the Revolutionary war. He had seven sons, all but one of whom became professional men. The oldest, Asahel, was a lawyer; Worthington, a Presbyterian minister, who also studied medicine and practiced for a time. Dr. Erastus Wright settled in Salem and practiced there during his life. So that at one time there were the father and six sons all in the practice of medicine. There was not a failure among them. Dr. Uriah Wright practiced through a wide extent of territory for fifty-two years, and died in September, 1866, aged seventy-six years."

DAVENPORT

Included in the "Family History" file in the Genealogy and Local History Reading Room of the New York Public Library is the following notation:

Descendants or ancestry of

Rev. John Davenport
New Haven, Conn.

Compiler: Robert R. Davenport
490 M St., S.W., Apt. 703
Washington, DC 20024.

PECK CEMETERY, MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY

On October 4, 1980, Rev. and Mrs. G. Fay Crossman, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Crossman and their daughter, Bonnie, Edith A. Gardner, Honey J. Rodgers, Donald W. Powell, and S. Robert Powell visited the Peck Cemetery, Niagara Section, Mount Pleasant Township, Wayne County, PA. S. Robert Powell copied the following inscriptions from the tombstones in this cemetery:

1. Probitatem Quam Divitas [motto on coat of arms] / Rev. Elijah Peck, / Pioneer Preacher / of North-eastern Pennsylvania / Pastor of Mount Pleasant / Baptist Church, 1808 to 1835. / 1767-1835. / Erected By His Descendants, / 1907. / PECK /

[back of stone]

Elizabeth Pinney, / His Wife / 1766-1813. / Elizabeth Horton, / His Wife / 1787-1866. /

2. [weeping willow and urn in round arch] / Laurana, / daughter of H. G. & / Bully Squire, / & wife of / D. H. Peck, / Died / May 7, 1853, / Aged 35 years & / 6 months. /
3. Eleanor E. / Dau. of / Lewis & Lucy / Peck / Born / May 12 [or 17], 1836 / Died / Jan. 23. / [or 28], 1843 /
4. Jane A. / Dau. of D. H. & / Laurana Peck / Died Mar. 24 / 1845, / æ. 4 y's 5 m. / & 3 d's. / [several lines of illegible text] /
5. P / Elijah Peck / 1795-1872 / His wife / Levica / Sherwood / 1800-1863 / PECK /
6. [a McClelland stone]
7. Emily T. / Wife of / Nathan Wheeler. / Died / Sept. 4, 1853. / æ. 41 y's 6 m. / & 3 d's. / [several lines of illegible text] /
8. [about eight small stones clustered about the tombstone of Silvanus Gates, Revolutionary War veteran]
9. John Warwick / Died / May 19, 1867 / Aged / 70 yr's /

[back of stone]

Mary / Wife of / John Warwick, / Died / March 2, 1880 / Aged 80 yrs. /



The Francis Earl Loomis Family of Clinton Township. Photograph, 6 7/8" X 4 3/4", by J. A. Bodie, Honesdale, PA, in the collection of Laura A. (Loomis) Rude, Carbondale, PA; reproduced here is a copy print, by Donald W. Powell, of that photograph by J. A. Bodie. Shown in this photograph, from left to right, are: Nettie E. (Loomis) Graham, Francis Earl Loomis holding Laura A. (Loomis) Rude, Flora Lillian (Loomis) Brown, Herbert Clark Loomis, Mary (Paynter) Loomis holding E. Russell Loomis, and Floyd Daniel Loomis. Two additional children were born to Francis Earl Loomis and Mary Paynter after this photograph was taken, and are not, therefore, shown here: Raymond R. Loomis and Nelson Earl Loomis. A complete list of the descendants of the eight children of Francis Earl Loomis and Mary Paynter is given in Volume II, Number 2 (November 19, 1980) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. Photographs of Francis Earl Loomis and Mary Paynter, as well as of the Loomis house in Clinton Township, are given in Volume I, Number 1 (August 15, 1979) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

JACOB VAN METER AND CHARLES VAN METER

The following information about Jacob and Charles Van Meter is given in the history of Mount Pleasant Township in *History of Wayne County* by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), p. 194:

"In 1795, Seymour Allen, from Connecticut, bought of Amasa Geer the farm that he first took up; then Allen sold it to Ichabod Starks, who lived on it the rest of his life. Jacob Van Meter moved that year from New Jersey to the place lately occupied by his son, Charles Van Meter."

CAPTAIN LEVI BENNETT

In 1819, Captain Levi Bennett built the John Griswold Homestead in Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA, for John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. This homestead ultimately became the property of Francis Griswold (one of the sons of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden) and his wife, Jane Loomis, who established therein the Cold Water Tavern. On May 1, 1871, the 1819 John Griswold Homestead, subsequently the Cold Water Tavern, became the property of Henry Banning Curtis and Louisa Griswold, and became known as the Curtis Homestead.

Levi Bennett, who served as a captain in the Civil War, was a member of G.A.R. Post No. 187. His name is listed on the monument in City Hall Park in Carbondale, PA, that was "ERECTED 1885, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF SERG. WM. H. DAVIES POST, NO. 187, G.A.R. AND BY THE CITIZENS OF CARBONDALE, PA. TO THE MEMORY OF ALL ITS CITIZENS WHO BECAME THE BRAVE DEFENDERS OF THE UNION DURING ITS PERIL OF 1861-1865."

From the biographical sketch of Rufus Griswold that is reprinted in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, we learn that Captain Levi Bennett's wife, Clarissa Miles, and Rufus Griswold's wife, Nancy Miles, were sisters:

Reared on the home farm, Rufus Griswold received his education in the public schools of the locality, and during early life he followed lumbering and farming. In 1858 he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Miles, of Bethany, Wayne county, a daughter of James and Almada (Brink) Miles, now [1900] deceased. Her father was born in Orange county, N.Y., and when a young man came to Wayne county, where he was married and afterward located at Cherry Ridge, carrying on the stone mason's trade there until his death. His children were: Clarissa, now the wife of Levi Bennett; Mary J., wife of Rev. James Miner, of Watertown, N.Y.; Lucius; Charles N., who drowned at sea; Nancy, wife of our subject; Isaac and William H., who were both drowned in Honesdale in 1872; and Alice, wife of William Bates, of Carbondale...

WILLIAM N. RUDE: ARCHITECT

On pages 75-76 of *Boyd's Pennsylvania State Business Directory... 1861* is a listing of the architects in the state of Pennsylvania in 1861. On page 76, the architects of Pleasant Mount, Wayne County, are listed, as follows:

ARCHITECTS
(See also Builders, also Carpenters)

	Pleasant Mount
Hall Z.	
Rude J. J.	
Rude William N.	
Wheeler J.	

JOHN GRISWOLD/ELIZABETH CRITTENDEN

For information on John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden and their ancestors and descendants, see Volume II, Number 2 (November 19, 1980) of this historical quarterly. That issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA is entitled:

JOHN GRISWOLD (1754-1843) AND ELIZABETH CRITTENDEN (1761-1851) OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA: THEIR ANCESTORS, THEIR DESCENDANTS.

That issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA contains:

- the John Griswold/Elizabeth Crittenden family history
- a list of all of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden (dates of birth, death, and marriage included)
- a typescript of the Minutes of the Griswold Reunions, 1906-1980
- detailed notes on the text; bibliography

THE RANDALL FAMILY

In 1980, Lois T. (Norton) Curtis graciously allowed the author and Donald W. Powell to borrow and make xerographic copies of a large quantity of historical documents in her collection. All of those documents were copied and returned by the Brothers Powell to Lois Curtis in 1980, and were in Lois Curtis' document archive at the time of her death on May 27, 1981. Among those documents are three handwritten pages of information about the Randall family, written by Edwin A. Randall. A typescript by S. Robert Powell of the three pages of Edwin A. Randall's text is given below.

Edwin Randall, the eldest of fourteen children of Thomas W. Randall and Ruth Stafford, was born near Oxford, N.Y. Dec. 23rd 1808.

The family moved to Masonville N. Y. in 1825, and at the age of 22 he came to Wayne Co. Pa. where he resided until his death on Thanksgiving Day Nov. 30 - 1882.

He worked in several saw-mills, one near Fortenia and another near the old Glass Factory.

He and Mr John Bunting at one time owned and operated a saw-mill and tannery a short distance below Aldenville.

He then bought a piece of land in the southern part of Clinton township, which was covered with heavy timber, built a mill and cleared up the land and spent the remainder of his life on the farm. He and his family were regular attendants at the Church services.

He was rather small in size and quite lame and found it rather difficult to climb into the high wagons then in use, so taking two 14 ft ash planks he made a wagon that he could easily get into. Later the planks were shortened, and, it is said that was the origin of the much used wagon, The Buck board. Jan. 10 -1844 he married Lydia Holcomb of Coventry N. Y. They having two sons, George E. and Ralph E. George E. was born Dec. 31, 1846 and died March 27 - 1927. In 1870 he married Emily Lewis and after a short stay in Carbondale, they moved to New Era Bradford Co where he spent his life as a carpenter having built many houses and barns in Bradford Co.

Three children were born to them.

1. Casper L. who married Mame Jones and now lives at Sayre Pa. Their children are Walter, Damon, Lillian and Joe all married.
2. Earnest who died in 1881
3. Jennie married George Marten and lives at New Albany They had a daughter who died in infancy. Ralph E. was born March 26 1850 and died Dec. 7 - 1927. Nov. 17 - 1874 he married Angie E. Loomis and lived at Waymart as a Blacksmith, going from there in 1886 to Forest City. His later years were spent in Carbondale. Four sons and a daughter were born to them.

1. Edwin A married Eva C Arnold and lives in Scranton
2. Susie A. married Leonard G Walker and lives in Elmira They have nine children living, Cora, Ralph, Earl, Hellen, Fae, Hilbert, Howard, Clarence, and Erma also a daughter who died in infancy
3. Lewis R. who married Bertha Darrow and also lives in Elmira Their children are Ralph and Richard & Robert twins.
4. Fred H and Frank E. twins Fred died at the age of 4 years.
5. Frank married Lottie Burdick who died 1918 to them were born Fred and Billie He [Frank] later married Hazel Brown and lives in Johnson City their children are Hellen and Gordon.

At present the living descendants of Edwin Randall are 6 Grand Children 20 Great Grand Children and 17 Great Grand Children

By Edwin A Randall

THE FARNO POST OFFICE, CLINTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY

On August 22, 1981, Verna A. (Curtis) Varcoe stated: "Dwight William Rude's grandfather, William N. Rude, lived in the house just above [North] the Clinton Center Baptist Church. It used to be the post office. Once a week, after church, we'd stop and get the mail. It was called the Farno Post Office."

AARON G. PERHAM AND S. G. PERHAM

The following information about Aaron G. Perham and S. G. Perham is given in the history of Mount Pleasant Township in *History of Wayne County* by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), p. 209:

"Aaron G. Perham was assessed in 1818 with one hundred and sixty acres of land, with buildings and appurtenances, situated south-east of the Bigelow lake. This is supposed to be the farm now owned by S. G. Perham."

JOSEPH LOOMIS

On page 117 of *Boyd* the following information is reported about Joseph Loomis, Senior:

Joseph Loomis, Senior, came from Bristol, England, to Windsor, about 1639.

GRISWOLD STAINED GLASS WINDOW

On May 29, 1981, Donald W. Powell, Kurt A. Reed, and S. Robert Powell visited the Grace Episcopal Church, corner of Church and Ninth Streets, Honesdale, PA, at which time the Parish Secretary, Marlene Brown, pointed out to them the stained glass window in the church that was created in memory of a member of the Griswold family. On the two panels at the bottom of this window is the following inscription:

JEREMIAH CLARK	ARSAH MELISSA
GUNN	GRISWOLD
1804-1889	His Wife
	1812-1891

Tiffany Studio

Kurt A. Reed reported that he had recently read an article in the June 22, 1893 issue of the *Wayne County Herald* in which the Gunn/Griswold stained glass window in the Grace Episcopal Church in Honesdale is referred to as the "second" Tiffany window in the Grace Episcopal Church. Donald W. Powell located what he believes to be the "first" Tiffany window in Grace Episcopal Church. On the two panels at the bottom of the "first" Tiffany window in this church is the following inscription:

To the Glory of God	I am the way
and in loving memory of	the Truth
ANNIE RUSSELL	and the Life
DIMMICK	
1843-1906	

Color photographs of both windows were taken by Donald W. Powell on May 29, 1981.

PECK MONUMENT IN ALDENVILLE CEMETERY

The inscription on the Peck Monument in the Aldenville Cemetery, Wayne County, reads as follows:

[side of Monument facing road]

P
REUBEN PECK.
FEB. 2, 1799-JAN. 13, 1870.

HIS WIFE
SALLY ANN KING,
APR. 24, 1801-OCT. 29, 1875.

THEIR CHILDREN

BENJAMIN K.
MAY 25, 1828-JULY 31, 1842.

ALONSON,
NOV. 26, 1824-MARCH 3, 1825.

PECK

[side of Monument facing away from road]

P
ALBERT R. PECK
DEC. 26, 1825. JULY 28, 1898.

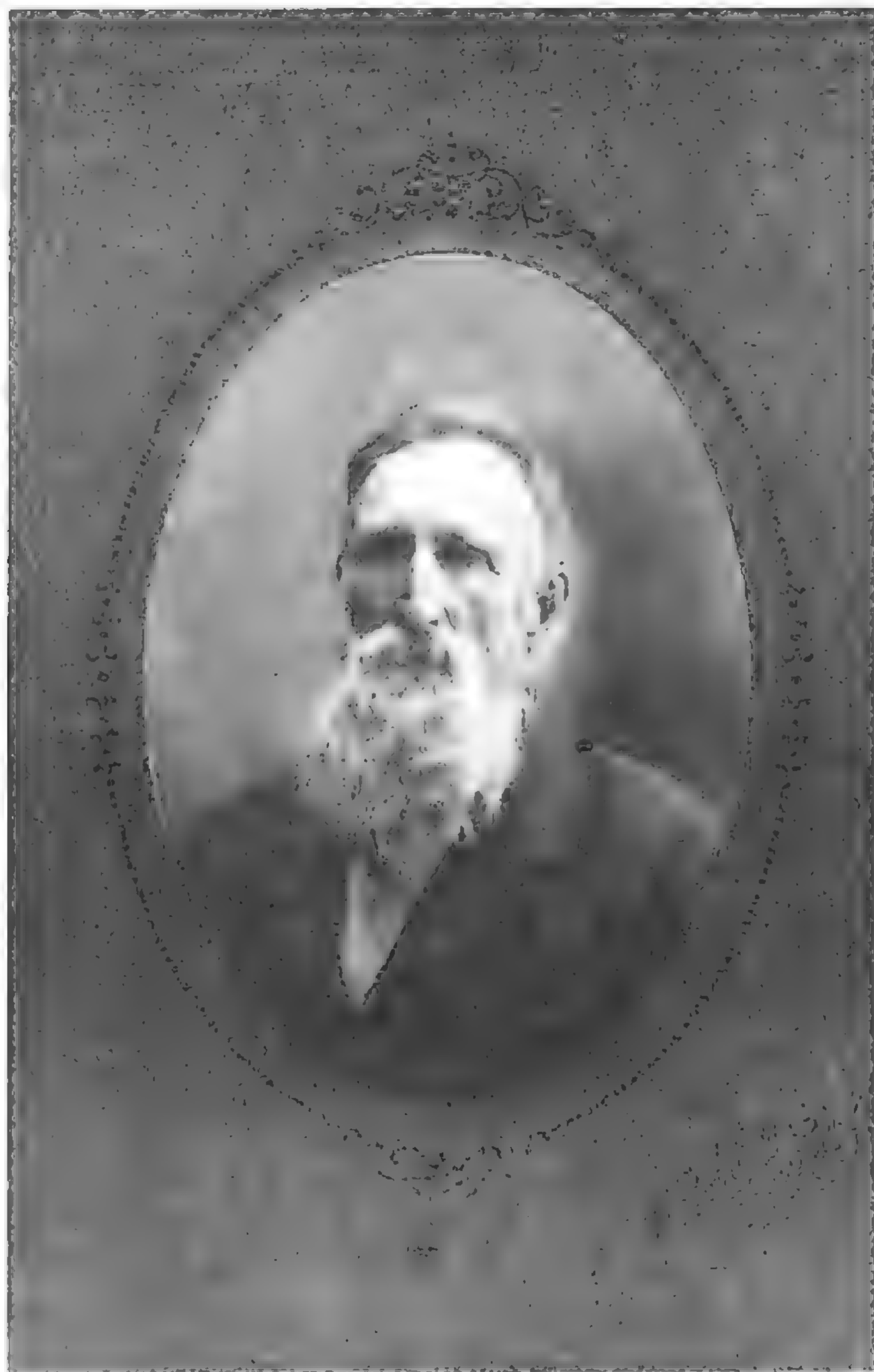
His Wife
EMELINDA M. GRENNELL
Apr. 18, 1829. Aug. 4, 1849.

Infant Daughter Helen G.
May 2, 1849. May 23, 1849.

His Wife
Sarah D. Burns
Apr. 8, 1832. Aug. 9, 1912.

Infant Son Galen M.
Apr. 2, 1860. Sept. 2, 1860.

Jasper E. Peck, May 11, 1852-Oct. 6, 1927.



Henry William Arnold (copy print from the original photograph by George W. Robbins, Honesdale, PA) and Electa Marie Griswold (copy print from the original photograph). Both of these copy prints were purchased by Donald W. Powell at the Arnold Reunion 1981, and are presently in his photograph collection. Henry William Arnold was born 08-17-1834 in Clinton Township, Wayne County, and died 09-19-1920 in Clinton Township, Wayne County. He is interred in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery. On 12-21-1863, at Aldenville, PA, he was married to Electa Marie Griswold. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Baruch B. Bunting, and witnessed by Clarinda I. Giles. Henry William Arnold was the son of Daniel Arnold--who came to Clinton Township from Connecticut about 1817 with his mother, FreeLove, widow of James Arnold--and his wife, Christianna Sassman. In her *History of the Arnold Family* (included in the Record Book of the Arnold Reunion, and dated May 28, 1928), Mrs. Herbert R. Sickler reports the following information about the residence in Clinton Township of Daniel and Christianna (Sassman) Arnold: "Henry William Arnold was born August 17th, 1834. He was the son of Christiania Sassman and Daniel Arnold who were among the early Pioneer settlers of Wayne County. They made their home on the Moosic Mountain on the farm later known as the Milo Gaylord Place. This old farm has since been divided and is now [1928] owned by Jennie Gaylord and Eddie Terrel." Electa Marie Griswold was the daughter of Sumner Griswold (08-20-1798, in MA--09-20-1864, in Wayne County, PA; interred in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery) and Clarissa Gelatt (10-30-1809, in Susquehanna County, PA--08-16-1881, in Wayne County, PA; interred in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery). Clarissa Gelatt was the oldest daughter of George Gelatt (07-04-1790, in MA--12--1865, in Gibson Township, Susquehanna County, PA) and Rebecca Whaley (died in 1822). George Gelatt and Rebecca Whaley were married on 10-14-1808. Following the death of Rebecca Whaley, George Gelatt married, on 04-21-1825, Susan L. Williams, who was born in Connecticut on 12-17-1794, and died in 1869. For more information on the Gelatt family of Susquehanna County, see the biographical sketch of Richard W. Gelatt that is given on this page of this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

From Mrs. Herbert R. Sickler's *History of the Arnold Family*, we learn the following information about the Henry and Electa (Griswold) Arnold family: Following their marriage, on 12-21-1863, Henry and Electa (Griswold) Arnold resided in Clinton Township, where two children were born to them: Jennie Ophelia Arnold and Lewis Henry Arnold. In 1870, the Arnold family moved to Kansas and established a homestead. There two more children were born to them: Clarion Oliver Arnold and Eva Christianna Arnold. During their stay in Kansas, the family encountered many hardships, as that part of the country was visited by a two years' drought and then followed by the year known as the "Grasshopper Year"--swarms of grasshoppers destroyed everything that survived the drought. In addition, the Arnold family was afflicted by sickness on account of the climate. The Arnold family, therefore, decided to return to Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA. There two more children were born to them: Clarissa Belle Arnold and Susan Anna Arnold. In 1878, the Arnold family purchased land and built a home on the Moosic Mountain in Clinton Township. They resided on this farm until 1907, when they purchased the Jerry Darling place. There, Henry and Electa Arnold lived with their son Clarion until his death on 08-03-1920. On 09-19-1920, Henry William Arnold died. Electa Arnold then went to live with her daughter Eva (Mrs. Edwin A. Randall) in Scranton, where Electa Arnold, who was born in Clinton Township on 04-23-1846, died on 05-25-1929. She is interred in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery.

Henry William Arnold and Electa Marie Griswold were the parents of six children: (1) Jennie Ophelia Arnold (01-22-1865--04-14-1940, interred in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery), married on 03-31-1886 to Charles A. Gaylord (1857--05-15-1904, interred in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery); (2) Louis Henry Arnold (05-26-1868--10-18-1952, interred in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery), married on 08-03-1889 to Harriet McAvoy (04-06-1868--09-12-1945, interred in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery); (3) Clarion Oliver Arnold (01-17-1871--08-03-1920, interred in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery); (4) Eva Christianna Arnold (03-30-1874--06-27-1936), married on 09-07-1904 to Edwin A. Randall (1876--02-27-1938); (5) Clarissa Belle Arnold (11-10-1877--08-21-1959), married on 03-06-1894 to Rev. Stephen Treat (04-20-1873--09-23-1918); (6) Susan Anna Arnold (02-24-1880--01-19-1960), married on 06-23-1897 to John L. Cook (11-26-1872--11-05-1946). A complete list of the descendants of Henry William Arnold and Electa Marie Griswold is given in Volume II, Number 2 (November 19, 1980) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

The biographical sketch of Richard W. Gelatt that is given below is from *Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania* (Chicago: J. H. Beers and Co., 1900, pp. 1276-1277):

RICHARD W. GELATT, a well-known wagon manufacturer at Gelatt, Susquehanna county, is a member of a prominent pioneer family, and was born at his present homestead January 10, 1831.

The first of the name [of Gelatt] to come to this country was George Gelatt, a native of France, who took part in the Revolutionary war, and afterward settled in Massachusetts. Between 1809 and 1812 he came to Susquehanna county, locating upon a farm one mile south of the present village of Gelatt, on what is known as the Newburg turnpike. He was a devout Christian, and helped to found the Baptist Church in his locality. He was married in Massachusetts, and his wife died in 1849, aged ninety-two years; his death occurred in 1852, at the great age of 102 years. Their remains now rest in the family burial plot at Gelatt. They had the following children: Robert, who died at Thompson; George, our subject's father; Collins and Jonathan, who died at Thompson; Richard, who died in Iowa; and Abigail, who married Ebenezer Blanchard, and died in Gelatt.

George Gelatt (2), our subject's father, was born in Massachusetts July 4, 1790, and died in December, 1865, in Gibson township, Susquehanna county, where

he had been engaged in farming many years. To the last he was interested in public affairs, being an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and he was also identified prominently with the Baptist Church at Jackson, which he helped to build. He was married, on October 14, 1808, to Rebecca Whaley, who died in 1822, and on April 21, 1825, he married Susan L. Williams, who was born in Connecticut December 17, 1794, and lived to the age of seventy-five years. By his first marriage he had children as follows: Clarissa, born October 30, 1809, married Somner Griswold, and died in Gibson; John, born March 31, 1812, died in Gibson township; Elvira, born in 1814, died aged four years; Samantha, born August 25, 1816, married Griswold Bill, and died in March, 1895; George Washington, born August 16, 1818, died in Gibson in 1889; Rebecca, born April 20, 1820, married Elliott Benson. By the second union there were six children: Susan E., born February 17, 1826, died January 18, 1833; Almada, born August 22, 1827, died November 13, 1830; Marnel, born January 7, 1829, died May 7, 1832; Richard W. is mentioned more fully below; Gurdon, born April 10, 1833, died December 2, 1872; Silas C., born November 1, 1839, resides at Susquehanna, Penn., and is more fully referred to in the sketch of Charles J. Gelatt, which appears elsewhere...

See also the biographical sketches of the following members of the Gelatt family in *Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania* (Chicago: J. H. Beers and Co., 1900):

1. Edrick R. Gelatt (pp. 1058-1059), who is the son of Clarissa (Gelatt) Griswold's half-brother, Richard W. Gelatt
2. Charles Judson Gelatt (pp. 1110-1111), who is the son of Clarissa (Gelatt) Griswold's half-brother, Silas C. Gelatt
3. O. W. Gelatt (p. 1791), who is the son of Clarissa (Gelatt) Griswold's brother, George Washington Gelatt.

EARL MELVILLE PECK

The biographical sketch of Earl Melville Peck that is given below is from Portrait and Biographical Record of Lackawanna County, Pa. (New York and Chicago: Chapman Publishing Co., 1897, p. 402):

EARL M.[elville] PECK, superintendent of the lumber department of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad at Carbondale, was born in Aldenville, Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pa., June 24, 1838, and is a son of Reuben and Sallie Ann (King) Peck, natives of Mount Pleasant, that county. The Peck family was represented among the early settlers of Connecticut, whence our subject's grandfather, Rev. Elijah Peck, a native of Litchfield County, removed to Pennsylvania and became a pioneer preacher of the Baptist Church in Wayne County and vicinity. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Benjamin King, a man of prominence in his day, and the incumbent of a number of local offices, among them that of justice of the peace.

Born in 1799, Reuben Peck grew to manhood in Wayne County, where he gave his attention to farming throughout his entire active life. Like his father, he was a believer in Baptist doctrines and an earnest worker in that denomination. For many years he served his church as deacon and took the lead in religious work. After a long and useful life, he died at the home farm in 1870. From that time his widow made her home in Carbondale, until her demise in 1875. Like him, she was an exemplary member of the Baptist Church. Of their four children, one died in infancy and another at the age of fourteen years; Albert R. is a farmer residing at Aldenville.

The early years of our subject's life were passed on the home farm, and his education was such as the common schools afforded. At different times while a boy he was employed in various positions on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad. In 1865 he came to Carbondale to accept the position of assistant to Emmons Eaton, who was then in charge of the lumber department, and a few years later was promoted to be superintendent of that department, a position he has filled ever since with marked ability. He is a careful, conservative business man, and guards well the interests of the company.

In 1867 Mr. Peck married Miss Emeline M. Ledyard, of Mount Pleasant, Pa. They are the parents of an only son, Emons L., who is preparing for the medical profession in Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa. Mrs. Peck is a daughter of Hiram Ledyard, who was born in 1802 and is still living. In spite of his advanced age he retains the use of all his faculties except his eyesight, and can relate many interesting incidents dating back to the War of 1812. For years he was a prominent farmer and stockman of Mount Pleasant and held a number of local offices there. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peck are members of the Baptist Church, in which he has been an active worker and a deacon for many years. In politics he has always been a Democrat and is a firm believer in sound money. Outside of his connection with the railroad he has been successful in business affairs and is the owner of much valuable property, including one of the finest homes in the city.

CLINTONIANS IN WINCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

On page 154 of Boyd is the following information about citizens of Winchester, CT, some of whom ultimately settled in Clinton Township, Wayne County:

The freeman admitted this year [1782] were Captain Peter Corbin, Levi Brownson, David Ward, Ichabod Loomis, Stephen Smith, Samuel Smith, William Fay, David Austin, Jr., John Church, Benoni Brownson, and Levi Norton.

ALVAH W. NORTON AND WARREN W. NORTON

The following information about Alvah W. Norton, Esq., and Warren W. Norton is contained in the account of the Silas Freeman family in the history of Mount Pleasant Township in History of Wayne County by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), pp. 204-205:

"Silas Freeman. The following are the names of his children: Col. Calvely Freeman was a noted surveyor. In 1850 he represented the county in the State Legislature. He was the father of E. B. Freeman, of Honesdale. Sally, wife of Alvah W. Norton, Esq.; Silas, Jr., and Sidney, both deceased; Polina, wife of Warren W. Norton; Pamela, wife of Franklin Wheeler; Fanny, wife of Earl Wheeler, Esq.; Rodney Freeman, who moved to Connecticut, and Margaret, wife of John B. Taylor."

ELDER ELIJAH PECK

The following information about Elder Elijah Peck is contained in the history of the Stanton family that is given in the history of Canaan Township in History of Wayne County by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), p. 175:

"The winter of 1792 was severe, and really terrible. According to father's [Asa Stanton's] account, the snow began on the 18th of November, and fell most of the time for two weeks. He had raised some corn that season, and he bought some rye, but it was not fit for food until it had been ground. So, in the winter of 1793, Elijah Dix, Elder Elijah Peck, and he [Asa Stanton] went to mill at Slocum Hollow, (now Scranton,) with three yoke of oxen and a span of horses, and, being snowed in, they were gone nine days. They fed out one-third of the grists to the teams."

DAVID AND SHEPARD SAUNDERS

The following information about David and Shepard Saunders is given in the history of Mount Pleasant Township in History of Wayne County by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), pp. 208-209:

"We find David Saunders assessed with a good property, and also Shepard Saunders, but from whence they came and the exact time of their settlement we cannot ascertain. We find there are many in the county by the name."

MICHAEL GRENNELL

Michael Grennell was born 03-02-1752 in Saybrook, CT, and died 02-12-1858 in Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA. On December 21, 1777, he married Susannah Balcom, who was born in 1760 and who died 08-01-1825 in Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA.

In her 1955 book, Ancestry of Ora Loomis Russell [and] Edna Loomis Loomis and Descendants of Ora Loomis Russell, Edna Pearl Loomis reports (p. 81) the following information about the military career of Michael Grennell:

... served as private in Captain Water's company, Colonel Parson's Connecticut Regiment. Later he served three tours, one of two wks., one of four days, and one of six wks. as a private under Capt. Gaylord & Col. Hooker in the Conn. troops.

MICHAEL GRINNELL

On page 305 of Boyd is the following information on Deacon Michael Grinnell:

DEACON MICHAEL GRINNELL's name is on the tax list of this year [1788]. He was born in Saybrook, Conn., March 20, 1752; removed with his parents to Salisbury, Conn., at the beginning of the Revolution, and about 1788 came to Winsted. He first owned land on the east side of Long Lake. In 1793 he bought the Wedge lot at the northeast corner of the town, lately owned by Joel Mead, on which he lived (in the Partridge House) until 1823, when he removed to Clinton, Wayne Co., Penn., where he resided until his death, on the 12th day of February, 1858, aged one hundred and six years. He served in the Revolutionary Army, and witnessed the tearing down of the leaden statue of George III. at the Bowling Green in New York. His hearing almost entirely failed during the last thirty years of his life, while his sight continued nearly unimpaired until past his hundredth year. He was a deacon of the Baptist Church in this town, and was always in his place in the stated meetings of the Church, until more than one hundred years old. He married in 1777, Susanna Balcom, perhaps daughter of John; she died in August, 1825, aged 70 years. Of their six children only two births are recorded in this town.

CHILDREN.

- I. RUFUS, b. in Salisbury; lived in this town on the old North road, nearly opposite Riley Smith's, from 1805 to 1810, and afterward removed to Clinton, Penn. His second wife was Harriet, daughter of Grinnell Spencer, and widow of Sheldon Norton.
- II. BEULAH, b. December 31, 1787.
- III. MICHAEL, b. May 28, 1790; m. Susan Hurlbut, b. Goshen, Conn., March 26, 1788, daughter of Gideon and Anna (Beach) Hurlbut. They had two sons and two daughters. He d. November 30, 1857. She was living in 1858, and so were Sally and Sibyl, her sisters, who were born at the same birth with her.

GRENNELL MONUMENT PHOTOGRAPHS

In addition to the photograph of the Grennell Monument in the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery that is given in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA on page 7, two other photographs that were taken at the time of the unveiling of the Grennell Monument in August, 1919, both in the collection of the late Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis, are known to the author:

1. Grennell Monument Draped Completely with American Flag. Photograph, 2 10/16" X 1 7/16", photograph in the collection of the late Lois T. (Norton) Curtis. The reverse of this photograph is inscribed: "The Stone, dedicated Aug. 27, 1915." This inscription is incorrect. This inscription refers to the monument in Clinton Cemetery that was erected "IN MEMORY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS [Clinton] TOWNSHIP AND THE FOUNDERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH"--and not the Grennell Monument. This photograph of the Grennell Monument shows the monument from the rear.
2. Grennell Monument Draped Partially with American Flag, Bronze Plaque Readable. Photograph in the collection of the late Lois T. (Norton) Curtis. To the right of the Grennell Monument in this photograph can be seen (a) the Henry Banning Curtis/Louisa Griswold Monument (in the upper right hand corner of the photograph), and (b) the Elisha A. Elmer Monument (in the lower right hand corner of the photograph).

ALFRED MATTHEWS ON CLINTON TOWNSHIP

A very comprehensive history of Clinton Township, from the earliest settlements during the first decade of the nineteenth century up to 1886, is given in Chapter XIX of Alfred Matthews' History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania. (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Co., 1886, pp. 576-588). Given the fact that Matthews' book was recently reprinted by the Wayne County Historical Society, we will not reprint here the chapter from that book on Clinton Township. Readers who are interested in the history of Clinton Township and its citizens before 1886 who fail to consult Matthews' highly important History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania have overlooked a valuable source of information.

REV. JAMES RAINEY

Rev. James Rainey was pastor of the Clinton Center Baptist Church in 1905. Very little is, at present, known about Rev. James Rainey.

Concerning the Rainey family:

On August 19, 1981, NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA received a review copy of Volume I, Number 1, July 1981, of RAINY TIMES, a genealogical quarterly that is about the following families: Rainey, Raney, Rainnie, Ranney, Reanne, Reanny, Reinny, Rennie, Renny, Reyney, Rayne, Renney. Readers who seek information on the above-listed families are advised to subscribe to RAINY TIMES, which is published each July, October, January and April. Annual subscriptions are \$10.00. All subscriptions begin with the first issue of the current volume. Annual index is included in issue number four. To subscribe, write to:

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ELIJAH PECK AND FAMILY

The following information about Elijah Peck is given in the history of Mount Pleasant Township in History of Wayne County by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), p. 195:

"Elijah Peck moved in about 1795, from Connecticut. He became a Baptist clergyman and was extensively known and honored as an ornament to his profession. His oldest son, Elijah Peck, is living. William Peck and Reuben Peck are deceased. Lewis Peck, Myra Peck, who married Jesse Dix, Joanna W., widow of Giles Gaylord, late of Clinton, deceased, are all living. Elijah Peck, 2d, had nineteen children."



Edith A. Gardner. Photograph, 3 9/16" X 5 3/16", by Cramer, Carbondale, PA, in the collection of Edith A. Gardner, Carbondale, PA; copy print by Donald W. Powell. Miss Gardner, a descendant of pioneer settlers of Clinton Township (John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden), is shown here in a photograph that was taken by Cramer before 1916. Following her graduation from Carbondale High School in 1916, Miss Gardner attended Bucknell University, from which she was graduated in 1920. Miss Gardner taught in the public schools of Pennsylvania for forty years: 1920-1930, Lansford; 1930-1960, Carbondale High School. Miss Gardner is one of the leading authorities on the history of Clinton Township, Wayne County, and has graciously served on the Advisory Board of this historical quarterly from its creation in 1979. She resides in Carbondale in the house that was built by Hiram Worden (her father's brother-in-law) for her parents: Milo M. Gardner (04-19-1859--07-03-1950) and Harriet Annis Curtis (11-02-1859--12-17-1946). A photograph of Miss Gardner's sister, Gertrude, is given in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA on page 25.

REV. HENRY CURTIS / ELIZA BANNING

On October 3, 1981, Edith A. Gardner told S. Robert Powell the following information about the descendants of Rev. Henry Curtis and Eliza Banning:

"Rev. Henry Curtis and Eliza Banning had eight children:

1. Henry Banning Curtis, who married Louisa Griswold on April 10, 1851
2. Ann Eliza Curtis
3. Euphemia P. Curtis, who married Henry P. Haight
4. Caroline Curtis
5. John Judson Curtis, who married Ella Gaylord
6. George Boardman Curtis, who married Augusta Cook
7. Julia Ann Curtis, who married James Robert Knapp
8. Eugene Kincaid Curtis, who married, first, Maria Clift, and second, May M. Stevens.

George Boardman Curtis and Augusta Cook had six children:

1. Augustus D. Curtis, who married ? ; he had two sons: Kenneth (who had a son, Kenneth) and Darwin; Kenneth Curtis is the one who established the Great Masterpiece Gardens in Lake Wales, Florida
2. John Curtis; he became a doctor
3. Eugene Curtis; he remained single
4. Helen Curtis, who married Robert Peck
5. Julia Curtis, who married, if I am not mistaken, Arthur Morgan
6. Harriet Curtis, who married Horace Leekley

Augustus D. Curtis was quite an important man. Here is some information on Augustus D. Curtis [what follows is a copy of the information that is on the typed page that Edith A. Gardner handed to S. Robert Powell when she made the preceding remark about Augustus D. Curtis]:

'Augustus D. Curtis, president and founder of the Curtis Lighting, Inc., of Chicago, Ill., who was educated in the Honesdale schools and born at Hawley, Pa., October 14, 1865, died suddenly

April 29, at Beverly Hills, Cal. His death culminates a life devoted to the art and science of illumination, his major contribution being the introduction of indirect lighting. He invented the X-ray reflector and his concern did a business of over \$2,000,000 annually.

Among his notable achievements, in addition to his being a successful electrical manufacturer, he rescued a man from the erupting volcano Kilauea in Hawaii, barely escaped death from trampling by an enraged elephant in Ceylon, captured a baby baboon in Algeria, and was severely injured by enraged members of the tribe, flew with Blieriot, first to fly across the English Channel, on an altitude flight, was instrumental in forming the present Chinese Republic, and lighted Michael Angelo's paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican in Rome."

CLINTONIANS IN WINCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

On page 228 of *Boyd* is the following information about citizens of Winchester, CT, some of whom ultimately settled in Clinton Township, Wayne County:

The freeman admitted and sworn this year [1802] were Deacon Josiah Smith, Nathaniel Balcom, Michael Grinnell, Suliman Hubbell, Abel Stannard, Levi Ackley, Gideon Hall, Asher Rowley, Levi Norton, Jr., John Wetmore, Jr., David Coe, Moses Camp, Samuel Camp, Solomon Treat, Horace Eggleston, Reynold Wilson, Jonah Apley, Arah Loomis, John Deer, Elijah Starks, Hawley Oakley, Fisher Case, Rufus Grinnell, James Henshaw, Ezra Rockwell, Truman Smith, Phineas Warner, Rufus Holmes, and Roswell Grant.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GRISWOLD AND ELIZABETH CRITTENDEN

The information on the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden that is reported on pages 5-15 of Volume II, Number 2 (November 19, 1980) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA will be updated and re-published in Volume III, Number 3 (February 17, 1982) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

DEACON RUFUS GRENNELL

The following information about Deacon Rufus Grennell is contained in the account of Captain Matthias Keen and his family that is given in the history of Canaan Township in *History of Wayne County* by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), p. 181:

"Matthias Keen, better known as Captain Keen, a native of Orange county, N.Y., first moved to Milford, Pike county, and thence to Canaan, in 1815. He first lived on Orchard hill, and made a dam at the mouth of Keen's pond, then called 'Canoe pond,' and built the frame for a grist-mill. About this time, in drawing a gun towards him in a canoe, it went off and the ball was lodged in his hip. After he had suffered much, Dr. Mahony extracted the ball, but he was left a cripple for life. He erected the first carding-machine in that region of the country, and to it there was a wool-picker attached. Before this all the wool was picked and carded by hand, but the machine diminished much of the labor of the women, and Captain Keen was complimented as a public benefactor. He built the first grist-mill in that part of the town, and Deacon Rufus Grennell was the mill-wright."

BARTHOLOMEW

The following information about the Bartholomew family is given in the history of Mount Pleasant Township in *History of Wayne County* by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), p. 205:

"Ezra Bartholomew and Wooster Bartholomew came into the county together. Ralzamon Bartholomew was the only son of Ezra. His oldest daughter was the wife of Baxter Bicknell; after the death of Bicknell she married James Bolcom, of Lebanon township. After the death of Ezra Bartholomew his widow was married to Elder Chase, a Baptist preacher. The above mentioned three families came into the township in or about 1810 from Connecticut."

SAMUEL WEST AND HIS SON, DAVID S. WEST

The following information about Samuel West and his son, David S. West, is contained in the history of the Stanton family that is given in the history of Canaan Township in *History of Wayne County* by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), p. 176:

"Samuel Chumard settled about one mile and a half above us [the Stantons], on the old road. He sold out to Hezekiah Leach. Samuel West, a Baptist clergyman, next began north of us. His son, David S. West, who occupied his father's improvements, was a man of education and a noted surveyor."

JOHN BUNTING AND HIS SON, DANIEL

The following information about John Bunting and his son, Daniel, is contained in the history of Canaan Township in *History of Wayne County* by Phineas G. Goodrich (Honesdale, Penn: Haines & Beardsley, 1880), pp. 174, 176:

"John Bunting, a Quaker, made the first clearing between Col. Asa Stanton's and the Swingle Settlement, near the old Cortright tannery [in Canaan Township]. He made an assessment of the town, in 1800, when there were only thirty-four taxables, including Salem, Sterling, part of Cherry Ridge, and part of Clinton. He assessed to himself 446 acres of land. In the year 1802 he was appointed the first justice of the peace in Canaan. Daniel Bunting, his son, succeeded him as assessor, and served several years, and then removed and settled on the west branch of the Lackawaxen below Aldenville, took up a large quantity of land, and there, for some years, kept a house of public entertainment. All the families afore-mentioned, save that of John Bunting, were Germans... The first man that settled and made a clearing between us and the Shaffer Settlement was John Bunting."

The following account of the Memorial Day 1981 tribute to the Remsen family that took place in Queens, New York City, was written by Margaret A. (Remsen) Rude and published in The Wayne Independent of Thursday, June 4, 1981, p. 7:

MARGARET REMSEN RUDE GUEST AT MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE TO NEW NETHERLANDS SETTLERS

Memorial Day Weekend 1981 is a time I will never forget. So many first time experiences happened to me that I still find it hard to comprehend all the events.

To start at the beginning: Last year my daughter Marjorie and her husband, Gerald Cook, were volunteer curators for a traveling art exhibit from Bacone College, which is situated at Muskogee, Okla. One of their tour stops was New York City, where they were hosted by the New York City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Marjorie mentioned her desire to see Remsen Street in Brooklyn in Brooklyn, which was named for her family. Her hostess had just purchased four DAR grave markers which the N.Y.C. chapter planned to install at a memorial ceremony in remembrance of the Remsen Revolutionary War heroes, whose graves had been located in a small cemetery in Queens, N.Y. The Queens Memorial Day parade and ceremony committee had tried to locate some Remsen descendants. Marjorie's and Gerald's visit was just in time to have her featured as honored guest and speaker at the ceremony.

My four children and I decided that this year we would all go to the Queens Memorial Day parade and ceremony. I had not been back to Brooklyn (where I was born and had lived as a child) for many years. The children wanted to see the houses I had lived in, the schools and church I had attended. I had never been to the Remsen Cemetery - the little old family cemetery where some of my ancestors had been buried. The whole family wanted to visit the scenes of my childhood and the Remsen cemetery. We also wanted to walk and worship where our ancestors had been.

Saturday we spent visiting these childhood scenes. We were able to enter the church in which I had worshipped as a child. We walked on Remsen Street in Brooklyn Heights, Middagh Street, and Rapelje Street. These streets were named after ancestors of mine who were the earliest settlers in New Netherlands.

Historically, my seventh great-grandfather and grandmother, Joris de Rapelje and Catalina Trico, were Walloons, whose families had fled from France at the time of the 16th century religious wars in that country. They eventually arrived in the Netherlands. When the Dutch West Indies Company planted their first colony in the New World in 1624, Joris and Catalina were among the passengers on the ship "Unity." Their daughter, Sarah, was the first white girl born in the New Netherlands. Sarah was a grandmother of mine. Their third daughter, Jannette, was also a grandmother of mine. Jannette married Rem Jansen Vanderbeeck, who came to this country about 1640.

Rem Jansen Vanderbeeck and Jannette Rapalje lived at the Wallabout (This is now Brooklyn Heights) and reared a family of fifteen children. One of these children was named Abraham. The children of Rem Jansen Vanderbeeck took the name of Remsen. This was the old Dutch custom. Abraham was known as Abraham son of Rem, or Abraham Rem's son - which became Remsen.

When Abraham married Anna Aertsen Middaugh, he and his wife moved to Newtown. This location was exactly what the name implied - a new town. Abraham and his family were extensive land holders in that region of Queens county. Newtown eventually became part of what is now known as the Borough of Queens, City of New York. Abraham Remsen and his wife Anna Aertsen Middaugh, are two of the people buried in the old Remsen cemetery.

Sunday morning, we worshipped in the Newtown Dutch Reformed Church. The cornerstone of the original church is dated 1732. Four of the congregation members who contributed to the building of the first church (which was octagonal in shape in order to afford better protection) were Remsen family members. One was Abraham Remsen (the direct ancestor of mine) and the other three were sons of his: the church members welcomed us most warmly.

Sunday afternoon, we went to the special Revolutionary War Encampment by the Historic Commands of the American Revolution at Green Field. Young men and women (and some not so young) were dressed in authentic reproductions of the uniforms worn by the Scottish, Hessian, and English soldiers. Michael Albetta (who was responsible for most of the enthusiasm, planning, and execution of the Encampment and Memorial Day parade and ceremony, (and who also was the visionary force behind cleaning up the cemetery and making Remsen Day a reality) personally escorted our family around the encampment. Each group of soldiers explained to us the history of their group (i.e., Scottish, Hessian, English Colonial), their uniforms, and the paraphernalia which accompanied each soldier. Bagpipes were played and Scottish dances were performed for our family.

Memorial Day, May 25, 1981, was proclaimed Remsen Day by Donald R. Manes, president of the Borough of Queens, City of New York. This was the day for the parade and the special ceremonies. American Legion Post #1424 was in charge of the affair. The parade was the largest in Long Island. There were 27 bands and 4,000 marchers. A limousine was provided for me to ride in the parade, accompanied by my daughter Marjorie. This was the first time I had ever ridden



Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder. Photograph, 3 5/8" X 5 5/8", by Cramer, Carbondale, PA; in the collection of Edith A. Gardner, Carbondale, PA; copy print by Donald W. Powell. Mrs. Snyder, a descendant of pioneer settlers of Clinton Township (John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden), is shown here in a photograph taken on the occasion of her graduation from Carbondale High School in 1918. Following her graduation from Bucknell University in 1925, Mrs. Snyder taught in the public schools of Pennsylvania for thirty-seven years: 1925-1926, Bradford; 1926-1962, Danville. On April 4, 1958, Gertrude Gardner and Charles Snyder (08-15-1889--02-04-1974) were married. Mrs. Snyder, a frequent contributor of important historical information to this quarterly, resides in Danville, where she is a resident member (National Number: 487166) of the Fort McClure Chapter (Bloomsburg, PA), Daughters of the American Revolution. A photograph of Mrs. Snyder's sister, Edith, is given in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA on page 24.

in a parade - let alone riding in a chauffeured limousine. The rest of the family marched with a DAR contingent.

The parade went along Metropolitan Avenue to Remsen Square. There we were escorted to the dignitaries' platform which has been erected at the Remsen Cemetery. Marjorie introduced our family to the assembled crowd. My son, Dr. Frederick Remsen Rude, gave a short speech. Then I was introduced and gave a little talk. This was another great thrill for me.

My direct ancestor, Abraham Remsen, and his wife Anne Aertsen Middaugh are buried in this little Remsen Cemetery. Several of their children and other descendants are also buried here. It was a most moving experience for me to hear "taps" being played in this particular place.

Yes, Memorial Day Weekend 1981 is a time I shall never forget. Imagine an 82-year-old woman being: The center of attention at the Encampment, chauffeur driven in a limousine in a parade, guest of honor at the Remsen Day Ceremonies, guest speaker at the celebration. And as if that were not enough, pictures of the parade and ceremony were taken by the N. Y. television station channel 2. The camera men took pictures of me while I was giving my talk - and these pictures were televised on the 6 o'clock evening news!

Memorial Day Weekend 1981 is a time I shall never forget. So many wonderful experiences happened to me. Throughout the experiences, I was always surrounded by the companionship, concern, and loving care of my marvelous family. Those present were Marjorie Rude and Gerald Cook, Hilton, N. Y.; John Remsen and Amy Rude, John Remsen II, Ridge Farm, Waymart; Virginia Rude and Clark Hungerford, Cleveland, Ohio; Nancy Hunger-

ford and Robert Bostwick, N.Y.C.; Dr. Frederick Remsen and Ruth Ann Rude, James Curtis, Philadelphia.

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Theron Orsemus Loomis/Mary Emma Squire

For information on Theron Orsemus Loomis and Mary Emma Squire and their ancestors and descendants, see Volume I, Number 1 (August 15, 1979) of this historical quarterly. That issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA is entitled:

A PORTRAIT OF THERON ORSEMUS LOOMIS (1848-1911) AND MARY EMMA SQUIRE (1854-1948) OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, AND CARBONDALE, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

That issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA contains:

- text of over 12,000 words
- 30 photographs of Theron and Mary Emma Loomis and their ancestors and descendants
- detailed notes on the text; bibliography



Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis. Photograph, 3 5/8" X 5 5/8", by Cramer, Carbondale, PA, in the photograph archive of Lois Curtis at the time of her death on May 27, 1981; copy print by Donald W. Powell. Lois Curtis, a descendant of pioneer settlers of Clinton Township (John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden), is shown here in a photograph that was taken on the occasion of her graduation from Clinton High School. It is Lois Curtis who recorded, gathered and preserved virtually all of the information that has come down to us about the Clinton Township Pioneer Days, 1915-1942. At the time of her death, Lois Curtis was writing a sesquicentennial history of the Clinton Center Baptist Church. That history was presented by Lois Curtis' nephew, Kenneth Singer, at the sesquicentennial celebration of the establishment of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, and is reprinted on pages 14-16 of this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

RUFUS GRISWOLD

The biographical sketch of Rufus Griswold that is given below is from Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania (Chicago: J. H. Beers and Co., 1900, pp. 1771-1772):

RUFUS GRISWOLD has throughout his active business life been principally identified with the agricultural and lumber interests of Wayne county, and now owns and successfully operates a fine farm in Mt. Pleasant township. He was born in that township, in February, 1824, a son of Orin and Lois (Denning) Griswold, natives of Connecticut and early settlers of Mt. Pleasant township, Wayne Co., Penn., where the father purchased 122 acres of wild land and transformed the same into a good farm. His residence was a little frame building, the first house of its kind in the township. He resided upon this property during his entire residence in the county, and when life's labors were ended he died there in 1878. His wife had passed away three years previously.

In the family of this worthy couple were three sons and one daughter: (1) Alfred, born in Mt. Pleasant, in 1822, married Sarah A. Lowery, of Wayne County, and engaged in the butcher business in Carbondale, where he died in 1858. He left a widow and three children, of whom, Charles died at the age of nineteen years; Altha is now the wife of Stephen Tagley, of Carbondale, and has six children, George, Charles, Edward, Orin, Bell and Ollie. Orin, a conductor on the railroad between Pottsville and Wilkes Barre, is married and has one son. (2) Rufus, our subject. (3) Ambrose, born on the present home of our subject, in 1828, followed farming until his death (he did not marry). (4) Mary, born on the same place, married Hiram Dibble, of Wayne county, and they made their home in Peckville, where she died, leaving no family.

Reared on the home farm, Rufus Griswold received his education in the public schools of the locality, and during early life he followed lumbering and farming. In 1858 he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Miles, of Bethany, Wayne county, a daughter of James and Almida (Brink) Miles, now deceased. Her father was born in Orange county, N. Y., and when a young man came to Wayne county, where he was married and afterward located at Cherry Ridge, carrying on the stone mason's trade there until his death. His children were: Clarissa, now the wife of Levi Bennett; Mary J., wife of Rev. James Miner, of Watertown, N.Y.; Lucius; Charles N., who drowned at sea; Nancy, wife of our subject; Isaac and William H., who were both drowned in Honesdale in 1872; and Alice, wife of William Bates, of Carbondale. To Mr. and Mrs. Griswold were born two children, but Emma Jane, born in 1872, died in childhood, and the other died at birth. In 1873 they adopted Lula Drake, who remained with them until she became the wife of Wallace Mills, of Wayne county. They now reside in Mt. Pleasant township and have a family of four children: Bessie, Orasmuth, Gladys and Rufus.

After his marriage Mr. Griswold located in Clinton, Wayne county, where he resided for some time. During the dark days of the Rebellion, he manifested his love of country by enlisting, in 1862, and from Wayne county proceeded to Philadelphia, thence going to Newport News, Va., and later to Yorktown, Va., where he did guard duty, being detailed as provost guard until honorably discharged in August, 1863. Returning to Wayne county he engaged in farming in Dyberry township for four years, and later for a number of years was in the employ of the Delaware & Hudson Co. In 1875 he returned to the old home farm, where he and his wife cared for his father until the latter's death two years later. Our subject then purchased the place, and has since successfully operated it. He is an honored member of the Grand Army

Post at Forest City, is a Jacksonian Democrat in politics, and has held office. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church, and in the social circles of the community they occupy a prominent position.

The following biographical sketch of Sylvanus P. Peck is from Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania (Chicago: J. H. Beers and Co., 1900, p. 559):

SYLVANUS P. PECK, one of the representative citizens of Mt. Pleasant township, Wayne county, was born May 19, 1858, on the farm where he still resides, and belongs to one of the old and prominent families of Wayne county, whose identification with her history dates from an early period in the development of this section of the State. His paternal grandfather was Rev. Elijah Peck, a pioneer Baptist minister of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Hiram Peck, our subject's father, was also born on the old homestead in Mt. Pleasant township, August 11, 1819, and there grew to manhood amidst pioneer scenes. He was married, September 27, 1848, to Miss Maria Perham, who was born and reared in Mt. Pleasant township, a daughter of Aaron Perham, one of the first settlers of Wayne county. Seven children were born of this union, namely: Chloe, Mrs. Kennedy; George; Hiram E.; Sylvanus P.; Charles and Fred, both deceased; and Francis A. The father died in February, 1889, at the age of nearly seventy years; the mother is still living. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was a Democrat in politics. Throughout his business career he engaged in stage driving and farming, and he most creditably and satisfactorily filled the offices of collector and constable in his township.

Under the parental roof Sylvanus P. Peck passed his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmers' sons of that day. On April 7, 1880, he married Miss Lottie Hacker, a daughter of Samuel Hacker, and to them have been born seven children: William Frederick, Mabel Ellen, Elizabeth Perham, Samuel Reese, Anna May, Charles Egbert and Harold Sylvanus. The parents attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the social circles of the community occupy an enviable position. Mr. Peck is a thorough and systematic farmer, and is meeting with success in the operation of the farm, which comprises 160 acres of rich and arable land, under a high state of cultivation and well improved. His comfortable and convenient residence was erected in 1897, at a cost of \$1,500. In the exercise of his elective franchise he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and he always takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs.

OLIVER H. AND LOUISA (COE) LOOMIS

On page 54 of Boyd the following information is reported about Oliver H. and Louisa (Coe) Loomis:

Rev. Daniel Coe, married, October 17, 1803, Mrs. Anna (Sweet) Keyes, daughter of Rev. John Sweet; she died November 29, 1818. He married (2d), January 20, 1820, Lucy Hall; he died January 12, 1847.

CHILDREN.

- I. CAROLINE, b. September 20, 1804; m. April 15, 1833, Wm. Currie.
- II. CLARISSA ANNA, b. April 16, 1807; m. December 30, 1829, Shadrack Manchester.
- III. LOUISA, b. April 11, 1809; m. March 14, 1836, Oliver H. Loomis; he d. December 25, 1838; she m. (2d), September 9, 1845, Chas. Hall.
- IV. COL. NELSON DANIEL, b. November 8, 1811.
- V. REV. JONATHAN, b. June 1, 1815.
- VI. REV. JAMES ROGER, b. March 30, 1818.

AARON AND ANNE (DRAKE) LOOMIS

On page 371 of Boyd the following information is reported about Aaron and Anne (Drake) Loomis:

AARON LOOMIS owned and occupied land on South street, near Torrington line, from 1801 to 1806, or later. He was b. May 25, 1766, son of Ephraim and Jane (Campbell) Loomis. He m. Feb. 12, 1789, Anne Drake, of Windsor. Their children were probably b. in Torrington, [Connecticut].

CHILDREN.

- I. AARON, b. May 16, 1790.
- II. JANE, b. March 11, 1792.
- III. LAURA, b. Feb. 17, 1794; m. Jan. 5; 1809, Erastus Hodges.
- IV. ANNES, b. June 23, 1797.
- V. ALVAN, b. Dec. 22, 1800.

ERASTUS W. LOOMIS

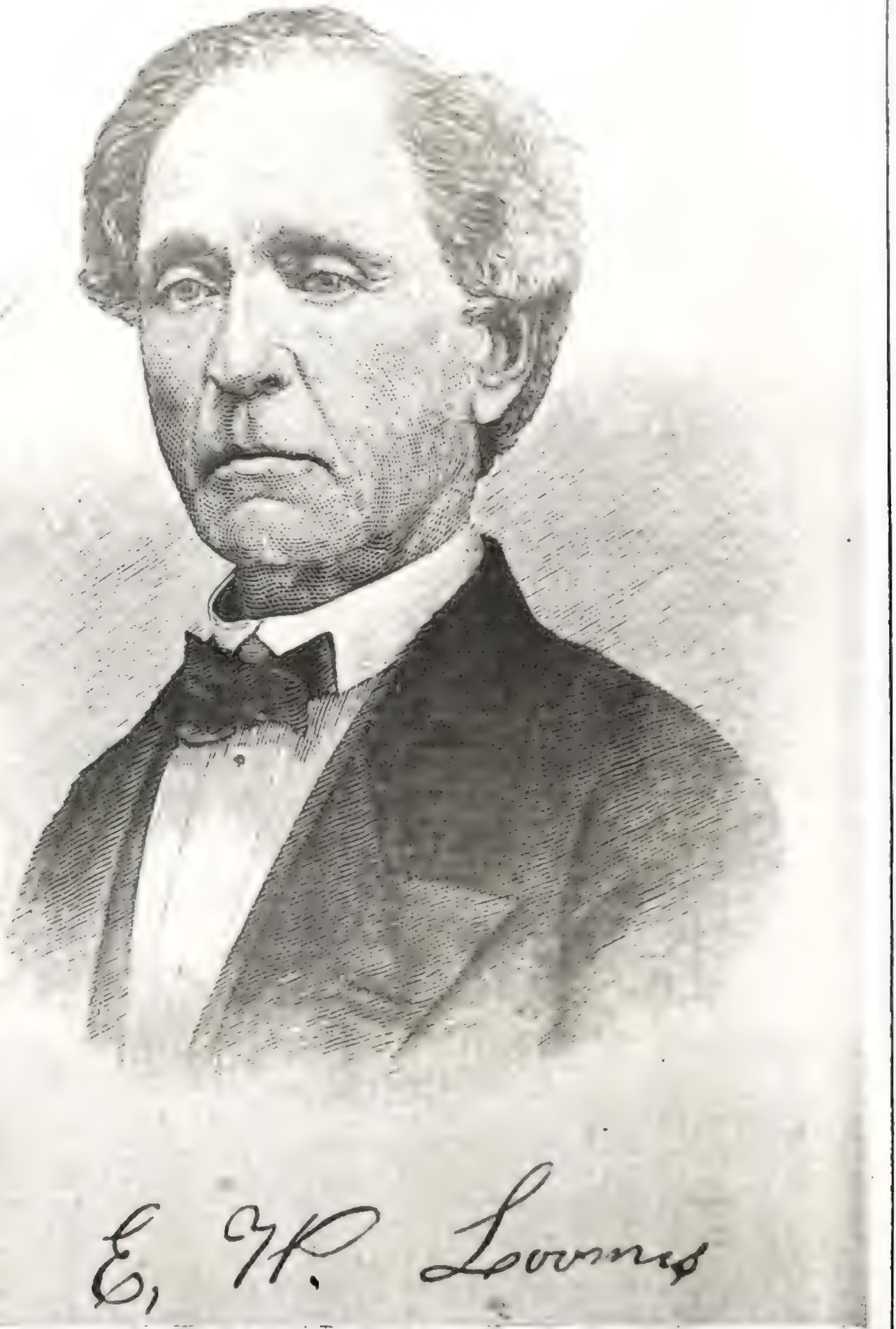
Reprinted below is the biographical sketch of Erastus W. Loomis that is given on pages 588-590 of Alfred Matthews' *History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania*. (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Co., 1886):

ERASTUS W. LOOMIS.

The Loomis family is of English origin, the paternal ancestor, Joseph Loomis, having emigrated from Braintree, Essex County, England, in the ship "Susan and Ellen," which sailed from London April 11, 1638, and arrived in Boston July 17th of the same year. In the following year he moved with his family, consisting of his wife and five sons and three daughters to Windsor, Litchfield County, Conn. Of his sons, Nathaniel was born in England, and married Elizabeth, daughter of John Moore, November 24, 1653. He died August 19, 1688. His children were Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Abigail, Josiah, Jonathan, David, Hezekiah, Moses, Mindwell, Ebenezer, Mary and Rebecca. Of these David was born January 11, 1667; married, December 8, 1692, Lydia Marsh. He died January 9, 1751. His children were Lydia, David, Aaron, Hephzibah, Eliakim, Elizabeth, Richard and Hannah. Aaron was born September 5, 1686; married, February 5, 1718, Elizabeth Horman, who died April 15, 1783. He died September 13, 1773. Their children were Deborah, Grace, Aaron, Mindwell, Moses, Abner, Esther, Ephraim, Richard, Eli, Issachar, Naomi, Abiah and Lemuel.

Ephraim was born April 1, 1731; married October 31, 1756, Ruth Hifford; for his second wife he married, October 18, 1764, Jane Campbell. He died April 4, 1812. His children were Ephraim, Ruth, Amy, Aaron, Solomon, Jane, Silas, Bildad, Rebecca and Elias. Of these Ephraim, Jr., was born July 12, 1758; married, October 30, 1784, Jane Fyler, who died March 30, 1789; married, second, July 20, 1789, Zervia Hill. He died in 1824. His children were Reuben, Oliver, Ephraim, Asahel, Zerviah, Ruth, Ephraim, Charles G., Roman and Caroline. Reuben Loomis, or the father of our subject, was born in Torrington, Litchfield County, Conn., October 9, 1785. At the age of seventeen he became a member of his uncle Stephen Fyler's family, with whom he resided until he reached his majority. He then spent some time in New Hampshire, working on a turnpike. After his marriage, in 1807, to Miss Sarah Westland, who was born in Windsor, Hartford County, Conn., November 25, 1787, he worked at farming or anything which offered until January 18, 1817, when he loaded his household goods, his wife and three sons (the eldest but six years old) into a large covered wagon, and, with two yoke of oxen as motive power, started for Mt. Pleasant, in Wayne County, Pa., one hundred and fifty miles away. At Mt. Pleasant they had a distant relative, whom they called uncle Ichabod Demens, and at whose door the two yoke of oxen and wagon, with its cold and weary occupants, came to a halt in the night of January 27th, just nine days after starting. Erastus W., though but six years old at the time, well remembers that long ride in mid-winter, and the joy they experienced when, crying with cold and hunger, they reached Uncle Demens' door. Mr. Loomis bought fifty-seven acres of wild land adjoining Uncle Demens' farm, and at once commenced the work of building a small log house and cutting away the timber around the same. During the winter the family lived with Daniel Roberts, who was a widower and was glad to have Mrs. Loomis look after his house and little ones.

On the 1st of June following their arrival the family moved into their own house, which was of the most primitive make. The fire-place was but a few feet high, and, for want of a chimney, the smoke was allowed to escape the best way possible. To his farm there was only a lumberman's road, and the country for miles around was new and wild. Deer, wolves, panthers and bears were plenty, and Mr. Loomis kept his table well supplied with venison and other game. Erastus W., the eldest son, remembers well going to sleep many a night with the howling of wolves sounding in his ears, and that his father's and their neighbors' sheep were often killed by them. The family for years saw hard times and always hard work. One winter the steady cold weather froze the dams, and the mills stopped running, and the whole neighborhood was out of flour, and, with only potatoes to eat, the settlers saw hunger staring them in the face. Finally Uncle Demens, with oxen and an old sled, started for Mr. Keen's mill in Canaan township, and, with flour for the whole neighborhood, returned just at night of a winter's day. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis lived to see the wilderness changed into farms and the log houses replaced with more pretentious ones, and with prosperity came schools, churches and a better civilization. They cleared their farm, built farm-houses and barns, reared a family of children, and passed away mourned and regretted by those who knew them best. Mr. Loomis was for many years in the militia service, and was a lieutenant both in Connecticut and in Wayne County. He was a Democrat, but not an active politician. Mr. Loomis died November 10, 1849; his wife, August 4, 1866. To them were born children as follows: Erastus W., Oliver H., born in 1812, February 20; Daniel D., born November 27, 1814; Reuben F., born June 18, 1817; Hiram P., born December 9, 1819; Marietta, born January 2, 1821, and Lucretia J., born December 25, 1823. Hiram P. married, May 20, 1846, Laura Griswold, who was born July 7, 1826. Their children are Theron O., born February 25, 1848; Oliver G., born August 16, 1857, died April 21, 1851; Helen A., born February 21, 1860, died November 17, 1860; and Francis E., born December 17, 1862. Erastus W., the subject of this sketch, was born in Torrington, Conn., April 9, 1810. Until seventeen years of age he remained with his father, laboring as soon as old enough for the common good. He then went to live with Francis Griswold, with whom he remained, working by the



Erastus W. Loomis. Enlarged photographic copy, by Donald W. Powell, of the line engraving, 4 3/8" X 6 3/8", that is given on page 589 of Alfred Matthews' *History of Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania*. (Philadelphia: R. T. Peck & Co., 1886). The biographical sketch of Erastus W. Loomis that is given on pages 588, 590 of Matthews' book is reprinted on this page of this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. Erastus W. Loomis and his wife, Mehitabel Muzzey, daughter of Pliny and Mary (Draper) Muzzey, owned the land on which the Clinton Center Baptist Church stands. On July 14, 1846, they sold that land to the Clinton Center Baptist Church for \$50--a typescript of the deed of sale is given herein on page 16. Two of Erastus W. Loomis' younger brothers were Reuben F. Loomis and Hiram Pease Loomis. A paper entitled "Reuben Loomis Family History" was prepared and read by Flora (Loomis) Brown on Pioneer Day, September 5, 1927--that paper is reprinted in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA on page 10. The biographical sketch of Hiram Pease Loomis that is given in *Commemorative Biographical Record of Northeastern Pennsylvania* (Chicago: J. H. Beers and Co., 1900, pp. 661-662) is reprinted herein on page 19.

year, until he was thirty-one years old. Part of the time he received ten dollars per month, and paid his wages until he was of age to his father. On the 20th day of May, 1841, he led to the altar Miss Mehitabel Muzzey, who was born February 22, 1819, and was daughter of Pliny and Mary (Draper) Muzzey. They were Massachusetts people and from a prominent family. They moved into Wayne County about 1825, and bought the farm now owned by Hiram Loomis. In August, 1841, Mr. Loomis bought of W. W. Norton the farm now owned by William Rood, and the newly-married couple commenced life thereon. It was in a bad condition, and Mr. Loomis at once commenced the work of improvement. The house and barns were repaired, fences built and fields cleared, thus doubling its value and making it a pleasant home. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis were for nearly half a century members of the Baptist Church, and for many years both sung in the choir, she as leading soprano, he as tenor. The land on which the church stands was donated by Mr. Loomis. For several years before her death Mrs. Loomis was an invalid and a great sufferer, which she bore with Christian fortitude. She passed away October 18, 1863, leaving a void in Mr. Loomis' home that could never be filled, and four years after he sold the farm, since which time he has lived with his relatives. Mr. Loomis is one of the few who has seen Wayne County a wilderness and now sees it a thickly settled country. The howl of the wolf he hears no more, but, instead, the whistle of the engine and the whir of the mowing machine and reaper; and now, at a ripe old age, he is awaiting calmly and without fear the end of a long and well-spent life.

REV. B. B. BUNTING'S TOMBSTONE

Rev. Baruch B. Bunting was pastor of the Clinton Center Baptist Church in 1859 and in 1862. He is interred in Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery. The inscription on his tombstone, read by S. Robert Powell on May 24, 1981, is as follows:

ERECTED
by the Clinton Baptist
Church as a memento
of the affection which
they will ever cherish
for their late faithful
& honored Pastor
REV. B. B. BUNTING
who died
July 13, 1869
Æ 42 y's 8 mo
& 10 d's.

A tombstone next to Rev. Baruch B. Bunting's bears the following inscription:

MOTHER
SYLVINA BUNTING
TRAVIS
1834-1918
Asleep in Jesus



Griswold Reunion 1981. Photograph taken by Donald Walter Powell on August 19, 1981 at Ridge Farm, R. D. 1, Waymart, PA 18472.

The 75th annual Griswold Reunion was held Wednesday, August 19, 1981, at Ridge Farm, Waymart, R. D. 1. Sixty-two family members and friends attended. Those present for the group portrait are (seated on ground, left to right) Desmond Lee Corey, Linda Lee (Johnson) Corey, Richard Davy Stiles, Stephen Joseph Gravalec, Linda J. Stiles holding Donald William Stiles, Davy R. Stiles holding Andrew Thomas Stiles, Margretta Marie (Loomis) Peterlin, Mary Theresa (Loomis) Rebernik, Kenneth Joseph Peterlin, Susan Lee Brudos, Darwin Blaine Brudos, William Michael Peterlin, Leona Van Tassel (Curtis) Vaughn, Amy Michelle Peterlin, Silas Robert Powell, Kimberly Ann Peterlin holding Timothy Leonard Hauenstein, (middle row, left to right) Edith A. Gardner, Norman S. Lund, Alice Mae (Curtis) Lund, Mildred Crossman, Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Mildred Esther (Wright) LaBarre, Verna Agatha (Curtis) Varcoe, Laura A. (Loomis) Rude, Charles Bliss Treat, Daniel Timothy Brudos, Eleanor (Kornfeld) Brudos, Margaret Abbie (Remsen) Rude, Lillian Beatrice (Curtis) Bartholomay, (standing, left to right), Helen Alberta (Wright) Giles, Marjorie May (Wright) Gravalec, Dorothy (Lambert) Oliver, Fred Arthur Oliver, Rebecca Leah (Mead) Geuther, Mildred Anderson, Rev. Dwight Anderson, Mary Katherine Tyler, Ann Marie (Rude) Tyler, Bertha (Babcock) Treat, Robert Charles Treat, John Remsen Rude II, Pamela Sue Treat, Marjorie Augusta (Hill) Treat, Crystel May (Cook) Gummoe, David Charles Zaft, Elizabeth (Holbert) Gardner, Carolyn Margaret (Rude) Zaft, Elizabeth Ann (Gardner) Hauenstein, Amy M. (Burch) Rude, Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder, John Remsen Rude. Those not present for the group portrait are Mary Shaffer (Bessette) Zollbrecht, Jane Marie (Shaffer) Kille, James Kille, Alfred Shaffer, Wendy Kille, Gloria Laverne (Shaffer) Johnston, Fred Allen Bessette, and Donald Walter Powell (who took the photograph).

The following account of the Griswold Reunion 1981 was written by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Griswold Reunion, Donald W. Powell.

GRISWOLD REUNION 1981

Ridge Farm, Waymart, R. D. 1, established in 1812 by Levi Norton when he moved from Goshen, Ct to Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pa., and today the home of Mrs. Margaret Rude, was the site of the 75th meeting of the Griswold Reunion, on Wednesday, August 19, 1981. The day was clear, breezy and warm, and beneath the majestic Norway spruce trees which surround the family house sixty-two descendants of John Griswold and his wife, Elizabeth Crittenden, and friends of the Griswold descendants, gathered around four heavily laden picnic tables for a covered dish dinner at 12 noon. As the tables were being cleared in readiness for the annual program and business meeting, a drawing and awards ceremony, organized and presented by S. Robert Powell, took place, and seven "extremely valuable" prizes - Chinese paper fans, oriental tea, and others - were drawn for. Among the winners were Mrs. Leona Vaughn, who came the longest distance - from the state of Washington, five miles from Puget Sound, and Mrs. Margaret Rude, who came the shortest distance. The business meeting and program, presided over by Mrs. Beatrice Bartholomay, acting President, commenced by the entire group standing and singing one verse of America, and by a prayer by Rev. G. Fay Crossman. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, John Rude, Vice-President, Stephen Gravalec, Secretary-Treasurer, Donald W. Powell, Program Committee Chairman, Alice Lund. The former table committee, Mildred LaBarre, Gertrude Snyder and Dorothy Oliver, were unanimously reelected.

The Griswold Reunion always takes place on the third Wednesday of August, and the third Wednesday of August is also one of the four publication dates of the historical quarterly, Northeastern Pennsylvania, the historical quarterly dealing with the history of the eleven counties of northeastern Pennsylvania. The issue of Northeastern Pennsylvania published on Wednesday, August 19, 1981, is entitled "Studio Photography in Northeastern Pennsylvania, 1839-1900, Part III." The issue also contains 8 pages of "Genealogical and Local History Notes," a regular feature of the quarterly. In the November 19, 1980 issue of Northeastern Pennsylvania, appeared a detailed history of the Gris-

wold family entitled, "John Griswold 1754-1843 and Elizabeth Crittenden 1761-1851 of Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania: Their Ancestors, Their Descendants." The author of that history, S. Robert Powell, has in the past year been energetically and methodically engaged in gathering as much material as possible on the Griswolds, and a questionnaire seeking basic biographical information on births, deaths, marriages and graduations, was sent to many Griswold descendants. Griswolds who could not be at Ridge Farm on August 19, 1981, for the Reunion, sent in their questionnaires by mail. An invitation to the Reunion was sent to the daughter of Gertrude Irene Loomis and Henry H. Schaffer, and her husband, Audrey and Terje Steinstø, who live in Norway. Two days after the Reunion an audio cassette was sent by Mrs. Steinstø to Mrs. Margaret Rude. In that cassette Audrey Steinstø talks about her family and about the geography of Norway. In addition to the wealth of new information from the returned questionnaires, much new information was read aloud to the assembled group by Mrs. Verna C. Varcoe, acting head of the committee on births, deaths and marriages, and by Mrs. Stephen Treat, Mrs. Margaret Rude, and S. Robert Powell.

Mrs. Alice Lund, head of the Program Committee, then presented Mrs. Mildred Anderson, who played her auto-harp and led the group in singing old time songs and hymns. Mrs. Lund then gave a violin solo, "Whispering." By popular demand she repeated her performance and the entire group sang along with her. Mrs. Lund then read a text which she prepared on her recollections of the buildings and life as it was lived at the family ancestral home, the John Griswold Homestead, built in 1819 by Captain Levi Bennett for John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden, and in later years owned by Francis Griswold and his wife, Jane Loomis, who established therein the Cold Water Tavern. On May 1, 1871, the Cold Water Tavern became the property of Henry Banning Curtis and Louisa Griswold and then became known as the Curtis Homestead. The Curtis Homestead still stands. Since the seventy-fourth reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden on August 20, 1900, two honored members of the Griswold family died: Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis and Dwight William Rude. In order to pay tribute to these honored family members, S. Robert Powell prepared and read to the group a paper entitled "In Memoriam Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis In Memoriam Dwight William Rude."

After some remarks to the group by Rev. Anderson and by Rev. Crossman, various members of the group spoke of past reunions, of previous get togethers, and about the Griswolds. Fred Oliver spoke of a personal connection between his mother and father and Ridge Farm, Leona Vaughn, who hadn't been East from the state of Washington since 1970, recalled some moments when she was a little girl living with her family in South Dakota, Darwin and Eleanor Brudos, from South Dakota, recalled some visits of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Rude to South Dakota many years ago for the pheasant hunting. The gracious offer of John and Amy Rude, enthusiastically seconded by Mrs. Margaret Rude, to have the Reunion next year at Ridge Farm, was unanimously agreed upon by the group. The group then adjourned to the front lawn of the Rude home where the above group portrait was taken by Donald W. Powell.

Births: John Griswold line, no births reported; Francis Griswold line, Nelson Corey, Jr., January 20, 1951, Jason Corey, December 9, 1974, Carrie Ann Corey, November 26, 1976, Jamie Corey, February 27, 1981, Diana Berly Steinstø, August 31, 1980, Jean Marie Loomis, March 5, 1981, Amanda Leigh Loomis, May 26, 1981, Brett Alexander Milliken, November 28, 1980, Melissa Curtis, February 5, 1981, Jennifer Ann Cease, March 3, 1981, Jeffrey Scott Stiles, July 19, 1981, Donald William Stiles, January 13, 1981; Orrin Griswold line, no births reported; Sumner Griswold line, Tamsyn Valshinas, March 25, 1981, April Ann Rose, April 19, 1981, Justin Thomas Brady, June 27, 1981, Molly Lynn Spangenberg, January 4, 1981, Nena Kay Arnold, November 14, 1980, Amanda McDonough, March 17, 1981; Horace Griswold line, Phillip John Tucker, November 15, 1980; Sedate Griswold line, no births reported.

Deaths: John Griswold line, no deaths reported; Francis Griswold line, Elizabeth Cecelia (Reiner) Loomis, January 6, 1981, Helen Hess (Miller) Loomis, October 10, 1980, Cecelia (Owens) Loomis, March 16, 1981, Dale Starbuck, August 10, 1981, Curtis Maynard Ewing, July 2, 1981, Dwight William Rude, February 14, 1981, Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis, May 27, 1981, Geraldine (Wright) Helt, August 13, 1981; Orrin Griswold line, no deaths reported; Sumner Griswold line, Elizabeth (Boehmer) Cox, November 15, 1980; Horace Griswold line, John Wilmer Oliver, November 19, 1980; Sedate Griswold line, no deaths reported.

Marriages: John Griswold line, no marriages reported; Francis Griswold line, Nelson Corey and Margaret Zenewicz, October 7, 1950, Marie Corey and William Westgate, April 13, 1973, Mary Louise DeWolf and Donald Renner, date not known, Rodney Kenneth Loomis and Tina Karen Leola, November 22, 1980, Leonard John Curtis and Bonnie Lee Lockett, August 9, 1980, James Larry Hauenstein and Ruth L. Richner, July 11, 1981, Howard Curtis Bartholomay and Elizabeth Fain, January 3, 1981; Orrin Griswold line, Althea Griswold and Stephen Kagler, June 21, 1867, M. Belle Kagler and Arthur J. Perry, July 1, 1891; Sumner Griswold line, Jennie Ophelia Arnold and Charles A. Gaylord, March 31, 1886, Christina Kozak and Robert Wilson, June 19, 1977, Michael Craig Brunt and Carol Todd, September 14, 1977, Karen Diane Arnold and Earl J. Appel, November 30, 1980, William Henry Arnold and Bernadine _____, date not known, Eva C. Arnold and Edwin A. Randall, September 7, 1904, Susan Anna Arnold and John L. Cook, June 23, 1897; Horace Griswold line, Robert Eugene Oliver and Jeannette Davis, September 19, 1980, Patricia Ann Donato and _____, date not known; Sedate Griswold line, no marriages reported.

Divorces: John Griswold line, no divorces reported; Francis Griswold line, James Larry Hauenstein and Anne Marie Kerwin, Deborah Ann Cook and Daniel Green; Orrin Griswold line, no divorces reported; Sumner Griswold line, Stephen Thomas Brunt and Susan Dorothy Bentley, January 6, 1981, William Henry Arnold and Eleanor Paaana, Deborah Ann Cook and Daniel Green; Horace Griswold line, no divorces reported; Sedate Griswold line, no divorces reported.

Donald W. Powell
Secretary-Treasurer

The following graduations and promotions were recorded in the minutes of the Griswold Reunion in 1981:

John Griswold line, none reported. Francis Griswold line: Flora Lillian (Loomis) Brown graduated from Clinton Township High School on June 2, 1910; Michael David Loomis, advanced to Lieutenant Junior grade, U. S. Navy, 1981; Phillip Clark Loomis, B.A., Physics, Boston University, 1981; Carolyn (Wilcox) Loomis, B.S., Civil Engineering, Brown University, 1981; Carrie Inez (Curtis) Loomis graduated from Clinton Township High School on June 2, 1910; Dale Starbuck graduated from Waymart High School, 1972; Kori Kay Weick graduated from high school, Tucson, AZ, 1981; Kimberly Eileen Brudos graduated from high school, Evergreen, CO, 1981; Edith A. Gardner, B. A., Bucknell University, 1920; Louise Gladys (Curtis) McCue graduated from Bucknell University, 1926; Laura Melinda (Curtis) Rude graduated from Pleasant Mount Academy, May 13-18, 1883; Karen Louise Stiles graduated from Canton Area High School, June 10, 1981; Terry Lee Winters graduated from Carlisle High School, June 9, 1981. Orrin Griswold line, none reported. Sumner Griswold line: David Lee Rose graduated from Williamsport, PA College, May 5, 1981; Mark Edward Geuther graduated from Cortland Community College, Dryden, NY, May 30, 1981; Pearl E. Arnold graduated from Clinton Township High School, June 2, 1910. Horace Griswold line: Frank K. Blair graduated from Niceville, FL High School on May 28, 1981. Sedate Griswold line, none reported.

ADDENDUM

The following information about descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden was not included in the account of the Griswold Reunion 1981 that was published in *The Wayne Independent* (Saturday, September 19, 1981, p. 3) and *The Carbondale Mirror* (Wednesday, September 23, 1981, p. 2):

Birth

Lane Travis Schaffer, May 15, 1981
(son of Paul Mervin Schaffer and Kim Elizabeth Button)

Marriage

Milo Robert Gardner and Rose Mary Kutch,
September 12, 1981
(Milo Robert Gardner is the son of Milo Burdette Gardner and Elizabeth Holbert;
Rose Mary Kutch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Kutch)

This information was not included in those newspaper accounts of the Griswold Reunion 1981 because it was reported to the Secretary after he had mailed his account of the Griswold Reunion 1981 to *The Wayne Independent* and *The Carbondale Mirror*.

ALICE LUND ON THE GRISWOLDS

The following text was written by Alice Mae (Curtis) Lund and read by her at the Griswold Reunion, August 19, 1981:

"John Griswold was born in Granville, Hampshire Co. Mass. in 1754, and died Oct. 16, 1843. He served in the Continental Army, from which he was honorably discharged. In Oct. 1790 or 91, he was married to Elizabeth Crittenden. Six sons were born to them, John, Francis, Orin, Sumner, Horace and Sedate. They moved to Clinton in 1813 and settled on the higher ground, near (south) where the Moosic Grange now stands. (Behind the Alex Grunski house), where stones from the house foundation could be seen some years ago. John's son Francis carried the line to our forebears. Francis married Jane Loomis and to them eight children were born Lewis, Laura, Oliver, Helen, Louisa, Nathan, Alvin and Homer. Louisa Griswold married Henry Banning Curtis Apr. 21, 1851. Eleven children were born to them, Elizabeth, Francis, William, Harriet, George & Augusta (twins), Laura, Arthur and Amanda, two died in early childhood. John Griswold had the homestead at Curtis Valley built by Levi Bennett for his son Francis in 1819, who kept the cold spring tavern, so named from the supply of never-failing cold water from a spring on the mountain. This same water supply flows into the homestead to this day. The water was run from the spring in hand made pipe logs, which were replaced in my memory. Pipe logs were again installed but these were machine made. Buildings which surrounded the home have pretty much disappeared, so this part of the story will be from memory. On the corner of the North and South turnpike and the Forest City road, stood the barn for stabling cattle, oxen and horses for the drovers and travelers. At the left of the entrance were two horse stalls, in front of them, tie stalls for oxen, back of which were more horse stalls; I believe six stalls. Hay was stored in the loft and the space downstairs aside from stalls was for the storage of vehicles. Toward Forest City stood the pig pen, a two story building, the downstairs part contained the pig pens, and upstairs was partitioned off for poultry. Turkeys were always a part of the landscape, the big toms striking terror into the heart of a small child, but we had our revenge when the old fellow was served on the platter at the Thanksgiving dinner. Next to the pig pen stood the carriage house for the storage of family vehicles. This building still stands. The name on the door changing from H. B. Curtis, to A. H. Curtis, then to H. H. Curtis. The dairy barn was toward Forest City. On the house side of the road were the other outbuildings necessary to the running of full family sustenance. There was a granary, a little to the west of the present fountain, the necessary house sat partly over the brook where it had a continuous flush system. When it was learned that this system was a source of pollution to down river, the building had to be moved to its present location. The mill was located near the brook, a race being built to carry the water to the large waterwheel which furnished power for any equipment relative to the dairy and household. The rug loom was in this building. Grandmother grew and processed flax for linens, which she wove into cloth for family use. She made butter and other dairy products for her large family, the imprint of her thumb being worn into the butter ladle. Sheep were raised for meat and wool products. This was a self-sufficient family reared to love and believe in God. A large woodshed and summer kitchen were a part of the main house. The woodshed has since been torn down, the summer kitchen now storage space for wood and coal. Fruit trees and grape vines were many. The grape vines had climbed the trees on the knoll back of the house. In grape season this was a gathering place for grape lovers. I ate my weight in them. In the basement were the storage bins for apples, potatoes, and other staples for year round use. The center of the basement was the base for the many fireplaces to heat the house. As I recall there were five fireplaces, one in the dining room, one in the living room, and one in the parlor, and one each in two upstairs bedrooms. The present living room was the tavern room, the bar being removed some years ago. Grandmother and her home will be lovingly remembered as long as there are those of us left to recall.

The first reunion of the Griswold family was held in the year before I was born, so this yearly get-together has always been a part of my life. Memory takes me happily back to these family gatherings of those other years.

Alice Mae (Curtis) Lund

TRIBUTE BY SILAS ROBERT POWELL

Given below is the text that was written by Silas Robert Powell on June 25, 1981, and read by him on August 19, 1981, at the Griswold Reunion at Ridge Farm, Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, in memory of Lois Curtis and Dwight Rude.

IN MEMORIAM LOIS TRYPHENIA (NORTON) CURTIS

IN MEMORIAM DWIGHT WILLIAM RUDE

At the seventy-fourth reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden on August 20, 1980, here, at Ridge Farm, two honored members of the Griswold family were died: Lois Try-

phenia (Norton) Curtis and Dwight William Rude. As Griswolds, we can not, and we shall not, allow this day, August 19, 1981, to pass, without here and now, at this the seventy-fifth annual Griswold Reunion, paying tribute to these our honored dead. I am come before you, therefore, to sing the praises of our departed sister, Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis, whose life on earth ended in her eighty-sixth year on Wednesday, May 27, 1981. I am come before you, at the same time, to sing the praises of our departed brother, Dwight William Rude, whose life on earth ended in his eighty-first year on Saturday, February 14, 1981.

To all those persons who, from this day forward, shall ask: "Who was Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis?" and "Who was Dwight William Rude?" be it known that they were, both of them, believers in God. That Lois Curtis believed in God and that her life represents perfectly the wholeness of a Godly life can not be denied. Not only was Lois Curtis a life-long member of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, she was, at the time of her death, its oldest member. Her devotion to the Clinton Center Baptist Church was great. Shortly before her death, she completed the sesquicentennial history of that church, a history that will, in fact, be read this Sunday, August 23rd, at the celebrations commemorating the establishment of the Clinton Center Baptist Church on November 10, 1831.

That Dwight William Rude believed in God and that his life represents perfectly the wholeness of a Godly life can not, similarly, be denied. His worship of God in, and service to, the Clinton Center Baptist Church constitute, be it known, the kind of peaceful testament that is the fundamental strength of the Protestant church. It was by men such as Dwight Rude, and by women such as Lois Curtis, that the Clinton Center Baptist Church was established one hundred and fifty years ago. To give you an idea of just how old the Clinton Center Baptist Church is, know that in 1831, the year in which that church was established, Andrew Jackson was the President of the United States. Two former Presidents of the United States, James Madison and John Quincy Adams, were still alive. Only five years before the establishment of the Clinton Center Baptist Church was the Erie Canal opened (October 26, 1825) between Buffalo and New York City. Only three years before the establishment of the Clinton Center Baptist Church did Noah Webster first publish the *American Dictionary of the English Language*. In the year in which the Clinton Center Baptist Church was established, 1831, Honoré de Balzac was 32, Nathaniel Hawthorne was 27, Felix Mendelssohn and Abraham Lincoln were 22, Frédéric Chopin was 21, Victoria Alexandrina (later Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India) and Herman Melville were 12, Gustave Flaubert was 10, Johannes Brahms was 2. Not until 30 years after the Clinton Center Baptist Church was established did the American Civil War break out. The "Little Church in the Wildwood"--which was Lois Curtis' church, which was Dwight Rude's church--is indeed a grand and venerable institution. As long as there are among us men and women of the sterling quality of Dwight Rude and Lois Curtis, the future of the Protestant church, in general, and of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, in particular, is bright. Without men and women of the quality of our departed brother and our departed sister, however, the future of the Protestant church, in general, and of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, in particular, is not secure. With the passing of Dwight Rude and Lois Curtis, therefore, we must acknowledge the fact that an awesome obligation to carry on with their work and in their footsteps has been passed on to us, the living. Let us not show ourselves unworthy of that spiritual legacy.

Lois Curtis and Dwight Rude were, at the same time, believers in the earth. Throughout her entire life, Lois Curtis believed in the earth, and the strength of her belief was such that she not only heard, but recorded, the song of the earth, *Das Lied von der Erde*, for Lois Curtis was an historian, a lifetime member of the Wayne County Historical Society, and the Secretary of all of the Pioneer Day celebrations that were held in Clinton Township. With loving care, she recorded the proceedings of the annual Pioneer Day celebrations, and with loving care she gathered and synthesized data and wrote numerous family, church, and township histories. And in writing those histories, her belief in the land was strengthened, and in writing those histories she revelled in the earth. Throughout his entire life, Dwight Rude both lived on and loved the earth. His love for this very land where we are met today was great. And because Dwight Rude believed in this land, and because Dwight Rude loved this land, many of the secrets of the earth were known to him, and knowing those secrets, he was a gentle man, and knowing those secrets, life for Dwight Rude was joyful.

Lois Curtis and Dwight Rude were, at the same time, believers in the human mind and in its capabilities and in its strengths, for both were teachers. Not only did their clear and guiding minds make known to their students many of the wonders of the world of nature but also many of the magnificent creations of the human mind. As teachers, they, at the same time, provided their students with the tools that they, the students, might independently explore and know, both in a literal sense and in a figurative sense, the world. As teachers of the first order, Lois Curtis and Dwight Rude both knew, and made every effort to make known to their students, that to be perfectly educated is to be, above all else, tolerant.

Lois Curtis and Dwight Rude were, at the same time, believers in the family. Both rejoiced in their roots. Through her mother, Lydia, Lois Curtis was a Perham. Through her father, Myron, Lois Curtis was a Norton. It is through her father, Myron Norton, that Lois Curtis traced her line to the Mayflower: Myron

was the son of Simon W. Gaylord and Harriet M. Gaylord. Harriet M. Gaylord was the daughter of Myron Gaylord and Susanna Grinnell. Susanna Grinnell was the daughter of Rufus Grinnell and Ann Marshall. Rufus Grinnell was the son of Michael Grinnell and Susanna Grinnell. Michael Grinnell was the son of Asper Grinnell and Sarah Hill. Asper Grinnell was the son of Peabody Grinnell and Ruth Grinnell. Peabody Grinnell was the son of John Grinnell and Lydia Grinnell. Lydia Grinnell was the daughter of John Grinnell and Priscilla Mullins. It is through her father, in addition, that Lois Curtis was a descendant of Levi Norton, who, in 1812, established Ridge Farm in Clinton Township, this very farm where we are met today. In May, 1812, Levi Norton, the youngest child of Samuel and Mabel Norton, moved from Goshen, Connecticut, to Wayne County, Pennsylvania, where he foreclosed on five thousand acres of land. Levi Norton's wife was Olive Wheeler. Levi and Olive Norton had five children, the oldest of whom was Warren, who married Polly North. This couple had two children, Hiram and Sidney M. Sidney M. married Harriet W. Gaylord, and this couple became the parents of Myron Norton, who was Lois Curtis' father. Ridge Farm was established, in other words, by Lois Curtis' paternal grandfather's paternal grandfather. The third child of Levi Norton and Olive Wheeler, Sheldon Norton, it should be noted, married Harriet Spencer. The oldest of the four children of Sheldon Norton and Harriet Spencer, Edmund Kirby Norton, married Clarissa N. McMullen, and this couple, in their turn, lived here at Ridge Farm. Clarissa McMullen's oldest brother, James Ensign McMullen, it will be recalled, married Harriet Saunders. Their daughter, Phebe McMullen, married Wallace J. Varcoe, and they became the parents of Ensign Henry Varcoe, who, on June 17, 1920, was united in marriage with one of the four daughters of Francis Henry Curtis and Rena Stanton, namely, Verna Agatha Curtis, who is with us here today. Through her husband, Lois Curtis was, at the same time a Curtis and a Griswold: Hobart H. Curtis was the son of Arthur Hamblin Curtis and Catherine M. Giles. Arthur Hamblin Curtis was the son of Henry Banning Curtis and Louisa Griswold. Louisa Griswold was the daughter of Francis Griswold and Jane Loomis. Francis Griswold was the son of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. Lois Curtis, to be sure, had every right to be proud of her roots, as did Dwight Rude. Through his father, Dwight Rude was a descendant of Nathan Rude, Senior, a native of Norwich, Connecticut, who in the winter of 1799-1800, came to the wilds of Pennsylvania and established a homestead. His son, Nathan, married Rachel Purdy, and they became the parents of William N. Rude, who married Helen J. Fritz. William N. Rude and Helen J. Fritz became the parents of four children, two sets of twins. The younger twin of the older of these two sets of twins, William Edward Rude, married Laura Melinda Curtis, and it is this couple who were the parents of Dwight William Rude. Through his mother, Laura, Dwight Rude was, at the same time, a Curtis and a Griswold: Laura Melinda Curtis was the daughter of Henry Banning Curtis and Louisa Griswold. Louisa Griswold was the daughter of Francis Griswold and Jane Loomis. Francis Griswold was the son of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. And so Dwight Rude had every right to be proud of his roots.

Lois Curtis and Dwight Rude believed, at the same time, in rational continuity, a belief that can, surely, be defined in terms of biological procreation. A belief in rational continuity should not, however, be defined exclusively in terms of biological procreation, as the life of Lois Curtis so brilliantly illustrates. On May 22, 1923, in Bridgeton, NJ, Lois Tryphenia Norton and Hobart H. Curtis were united in marriage by Reverend McKenzie. Children were not born to them, yet they were not, at their death, without heirs, for they, Lois and Hobart Curtis, were in their turn, the owners and protectors of one of the great houses in Clinton Township, the John Griswold Homestead, built in 1819 by Captain Levi Bennett at present-day Curtis Valley, Clinton Township, for John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden, who in the fall of 1813 settled in Clinton Township at the foot of the Moosic Mountain up behind the present Moosic Grange Hall on the "North and South." The Griswold Homestead that was built in 1819 for John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden later became the property of their son, Francis Griswold, and his wife, Jane Loomis, who established therein the Cold Water Tavern, which, as is well known, flourished at its strategic location on the Belmont and Easton Turnpike, the "North and South." On May 1, 1871, the 1819 John Griswold Homestead, subsequently the Cold Water Tavern, became the property of Henry Banning Curtis and Louisa Griswold, and became known as the Curtis Homestead. By inheritance, the Curtis Homestead ultimately became the property of one of the grandchildren of Henry Banning Curtis and Louisa Griswold, Hobart H. Curtis, and his wife, Lois Tryphenia Norton. It was in that historic house that Hobart and Lois Curtis lived, and for which they lovingly cared to the end of their days. Incarnated--literally and figuratively--in that house, it must be recognized, are the values, ideals, and aspirations of not only those persons for whom it was built, but also the values, ideals, and aspirations of all successive generations who have lived therein. The imprint of all those generations is there, and it is there in a state of harmony. It is that harmony that Hobart and Lois Curtis inherited, and enriched, and it is that harmony that they passed on, rationally, to the present generation.

On July 12, 1922, at the Rensen-Gaylord Homestead in Aldenville, Dwight William Rude and Margaret Abbie Rensen were married. They became the parents of five children: Marjorie Angeline, Dwight William, John Rensen, Virginia Laura, and Frederick Rensen. Dwight William, Jr. died as a child. The other four children of Dwight and Margaret Rude lived to adulthood, married, and became the parents of families of their own. In the children of Dwight and Margaret Rude, and in the grandchildren of Dwight and Margaret Rude, and in

the great-grandchildren of Dwight and Margaret Rude, the values, ideals, and aspirations of our departed brother, Dwight Rude, and of his wife, Margaret, who is with us here today, live at present. They--the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Dwight and Margaret Rude--are now the legatees of the values, ideals, and aspirations of Dwight and Margaret Rude, and the responsibility of the descendants of Dwight and Margaret Rude to not only uphold those values, ideals, and aspirations, but also to be true to themselves in upholding those values, ideals, and aspirations, is great. So, just as Dwight and Margaret Rude showed themselves capable of upholding the ethical legacy of their parents, while at the same time remaining true to themselves--hence, an ethical continuity of reason--so too will the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Dwight and Margaret Rude show themselves capable of upholding the ethical legacy of Dwight and Margaret Rude while at the same time remaining true to themselves. Of that we can be certain.

To all those persons who from this day forward shall ask: "Who was Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis?" and "Who was Dwight William Rude?" be it known, therefore, that Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis and Dwight William Rude were both believers; they believed in God, they believed in the earth, they believed in the human mind, they believed in the family, they believed in rational continuity, they believed in history, and because they did, their lives were rich in meaning, and because they did, their lives made sense, and because they did, they shall not be forgotten. Thank you.

Silas Robert Powell

Eleven rather detailed footnotes accompany the above text. Those notes are not given here. Rather, they, as well as the text of "IN MEMORIAM LOIS TRYPHENIA (NORTON) CURTIS IN MEMORIAM DWIGHT WILLIAM RUDE" are given in the Appendix of Volume I of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL AND LOCAL HISTORY REPRINTS (Carbondale, PA: Sheffield Publications, Inc., 1981).

QUESTIONNAIRES AND LETTERS

Announcements of the seventy-fifth Griswold Reunion were mailed to all known descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden on July 1, 1981. Each descendant was asked to update and correct the information on his or her family that is reported in Volume II, Number 2 (November 19, 1980) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. The following persons returned those questionnaires and/or wrote letters to the Secretary of the Griswold Reunion 1981, Margaret R. Rude:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Arnold
2. Mr. and Mrs. Russell B. Arnold
3. Mrs. Beatrice Bartholomay
4. CMP and Mrs. Douglas Blair
5. Mrs. Minna O. Blair
6. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Brown
7. Mrs. Pearl C. Brudos
8. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill L. Cook
9. Mrs. Bernice W. Dolan
10. Mrs. Irene M. Fish
11. Mrs. Leeta A. Geuther
12. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hungerford
13. Mrs. Clyde L. Kern
14. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie LaBarre
15. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Loomis
16. Mrs. Hilda B. Loomis
17. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kenneth Loomis
18. Dr. and Mrs. William P. Loomis
19. Miss Chrystal Oliver
20. Mr. and Mrs. Harold V. Oliver
21. Mr. and Mrs. George Pazel
22. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schaffer
23. Mr. and Mrs. Terje Steinstad
24. Mr. and Mrs. Davy R. Stiles
25. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stiles
26. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen W. Treat
27. Mrs. Verna C. Varcoe
28. Mrs. Leona C. Vaughn
29. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winters

Enclosures were included with the questionnaires that were returned to the Secretary of the Griswold Reunion 1981, Margaret R. Rude, by several family members. All of these enclosures have been filed with the permanent records of the Griswold Reunion.

Mrs. Irene M. Fish enclosed a newspaper clipping about the death of John W. Oliver. Mrs. Bernice Dolan enclosed a newspaper clipping from The Wayne Independent (Saturday, April 11, 1981, p. 1) entitled, "Dr. Samuel Curtis heads agricultural education dept. at Penn State. Mrs. Mildred Wright LaBarre enclosed the program of the 107th annual commencement exercises at Canton Area Jr.-Sr. High School. It was at those graduation exercises that Karen Louise Stiles was awarded a high school diploma. Mr. and Mrs. Davy R. Stiles enclosed two items: (1) a color snapshot of their three children--written on the back of this photograph is the following information: "Richard Stiles 6 1/2 yrs. Donald Stiles 6 mo. Andrew Stiles 2 yrs"; (2) a newspaper clipping from The Wayne Independent entitled "Wayne Development Center helps children"--one of the photographs in this clipping is of Mrs. Linda Stiles and her son, Andy; the caption on this photograph reads as follows: "Mrs. Linda Stiles and her son Andy work on the giant ball. This exercise is designed to develop protective re-

flexes." Esther and Bob Brown of Delta Junction enclosed five color snapshots with their questionnaire. Written on the back of these five photographs is the following information: (1) "Bob Brown"; (2) "Esther and Bob Brown"; (3) "David Brown. Son of Robert and Sheela he has taken here in Alaska. 3 in all"; (4) "New Home that is about completed. Moved in Oct. 1980. Delta Junction, Alaska. 100 miles from Fairbanks. Robert Brown"; (5) "1981 Barley On New Clear Ground Robert E. Brown." The note included with the questionnaire from Esther and Bob Brown reads as follows: "Greetings from Alaska. Bob & I would love to attend this reunion and meet many of the relatives but it is impossible. The weather here is in the 60's & 70's. We have had alot of rain. All of July--every day. Very unusual weather. Anything is better than 60's & 70's below. Next year we will send pictures of all our family. Hope all have a great time on this special occasion. Everyone is welcome to come see us--(Not all at one time). Love, Esther & Bob Brown David & Karen Son - Robert Deborah & Nancy."

Diane Bessie Stone (Mrs. Gerald William Stiles) wrote the following letter to the Secretary of the Griswold Reunion, Mrs. Margaret R. Rude:

July 8, 1981

Dear Mrs. Rude,

We are sorry we can not attend the reunion this year but we have one in Honesdale July 12th and therefore we will not be making the trip again. Maybe another year we can plan it now that we know about when it is.

Here are a few unimportant facts about our immediate family and also a couple photos* for your books: Jerry [Gerald William Stiles] works at Masonite Corp. plant in Towanda, about 28 miles from home. He works in the shipping dept. and just finished his 15th year. I was working as an instructional aide at the elementary school but had my job cut because of federal cut backs. I was employed under Title I working in the Math Lab. I enjoyed what I was doing so will do some volunteer work there this year. Karen's newspaper clipping tells pretty much what she's been doing and going to do [Karen Louise Stiles graduated from Canton Area High School on June 10, 1981; she will attend Lock Haven State College where she will study social work]....

Kevin likes sports & played J. V. football & baseball. Although he won't be playing this year as he just had knee surgery done July 1st. He had the inter cartilage of his right knee removed. He is presently on crutches.

Karen & I are both members of Lady Canton Rebekah Lodge. Me for 22 years and Karen for 1 year. Nothing very exciting but that's us.

Thank you for your interest.
Hope you all have a nice day.

The Gerald Stiles Family.

* Enclosed with this letter were the following items, all of which were filed with the permanent records of the Griswold Reunion:

1. a color snapshot of the Gerald William Stiles family. Written on the back of this photograph is the following information: "This is our most recent family Photo. Taken Dec. 1979. Gerald William Stiles - 40 Dianne Stone Stiles - 38 Karen Louise Stiles - 16 Kevin Gerald Stiles - 14"
2. a newspaper clipping, with photograph, of Karen Louise Stiles; the text of the clipping reads as follows: "Karen Louise Stiles of Canton RD 1, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stiles. She is an Academic Student. She participated in: Marching Warriors; Sr. Ball Committee; Sr. Concert Band, Jr. Prom Committee; Chorus; Pop Singers; Foreign Language Club; Sr. High County Band; Camelot; Sr. High County Chorus; Fiddler on the Roof; YEA. Plans after graduation: To attend Lock Haven State College for Social Work."
3. graduation announcement: "The Senior Class of Canton Area High School announces its Commencement Exercises June Tenth Nineteen hundred eighty-one eight o'clock Nettle Black Westgate Auditorium."

Mrs. Minna (Oliver) Blair wrote the following letter to Margaret (Rensen) Rude on August 9, 1981:

Dear Margaret,

I'm sorry that I won't be attending the Griswold Reunion this year, as August is an unusually busy month for me.

Since I have already made one trip to Carbondale this summer, I'm urging Judy to go and represent me. She has been very busy, too, and will soon be back to her teaching job, but you may see her, as she hopes to spend a few days with Fred and Dot.

My younger son, Douglas, has retired from the United States Air Force after 29 years of service. His retirement ceremony was held at Elgin Air Force Base, Florida.

Among his service medals are the Distinguished Flying Cross, several Air Medals, Purple Heart and Vietnam Service Medal. His wife, Helen, was presented with Certificate of Appreciation. She has been very supportive during his career.

Next year I hope to report a new member in the family, as my grandson Rick, Bryce and Nancy's son, is to be married in November.

I have many happy memories of my summers spent on the Griswold Farm, and the Griswold Family Reunion in particular. I especially remember Aunt Hat Arnold's delicious maple sugar cake. I've never tasted anything quite like it since.

One of the highlights of each summer was the day after the reunion, when I would walk crosslots with my aunt, Rena Cowperthwaite, to clean the Grange Hall. There we would meet Josie Bunting and others and spend a pleasant day. I must admit it wasn't so much the cleaning I enjoyed as the good lunch they provided.

I'm sending a few pictures which I treasure very much*. The names are on the backs of each. Also enclosed is an envelope for their return.

Love to all my relatives, and special loving concern for you and your family.

[signed] Minna

* Six photographs were included in Mrs. Blair's letter to Mrs. Rude. Those photographs, which were mailed back to Mrs. Blair following the Reunion, are of the following persons:

1. J. V. (Vance) Griswold
2. Rena Griswold
3. Grandma and Grandpa Griswold (Minnie Bucklish Griswold and John Griswold) John Griswold and Ernestine Wilhelmina Bucklish
4. Grandmother Rosener, Grandma Griswold's mother
5. Back of Aunt Rena's house
Fred, Minna, Aunt Carrie Griswold, Grandma Griswold
John, Harold, Mother (Louise Oliver), Aunt Rena, Aunt Cornelia Gaylord
Uncle ? Wilce, Grandpa Griswold, Uncle Fred Griswold Uncle Wilce = Isaac Wilson Cowperthwaite
6. Louisa Oliver

Mrs. Audrey Ruth (Schaffer) Steinstø, daughter of Gertrude Irene Loomis and Henry H. Schaffer, sent an audio cassette to Mrs. Margaret R. Rude on the occasion of the Griswold Reunion 1981. Given below is a transcription, by S. Robert Powell, of that audio cassette:

Dear Mrs. Rude:

I'd like to thank you very much for the invitation to the 75th Griswold Reunion, but, because of distance [Mr. and Mrs. Terje Steinstø and their daughters, Christina and Diana Berly, live in Tonsberg, Norway] and time, regret to say that my attendance this year is impossible. If my records are correct, John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden were the grandparents of Louisa Griswold, who married Henry Banning Curtis. That would make John Griswold my children's great grandparents six times over.

Family trees have long interested me. On my husband's side, who is 100% Norwegian, we have copied and framed pictures back to his great, great, great grandparents on both his mother's and his father's side. Four greats to my two girls. These pictures hang in my hall, which is a sort of family gallery. I've made a book for my girls, filled with not only dates, but stories heard, and in cases, personal accounts, about what these people did and what they were like. It has entailed a good bit of letter writing and foot work collecting these things, with satisfying results.

My girls are being brought up in Norway, a long way from America. Contacts with people back home slide with the years--not everyone is a good letter writer. So it is my great desire to collect my family gallery. I have photographs of only my great grandparents, of only my grandparents, Mervin Loomis and Carrie Curtis. Does anyone have black and whites, couples or individuals, that I could have copied? It is not my wish that my lineage be forgotten as the years pass. Information concerning this would be appreciated.

My husband and I were married over 10 years ago, seven of which we have lived in Norway, first in the fjords, where he comes from, a breathtaking place of rocks, vast snow covered mountain ranges, valleys, and houses snuggled by the sea. Here the farming is poor. The work still done in the old ways. Plowing, where possible, by horse, and making hay by the use of the scythe. The ranges are filled by small cabins, where the young girls used to spend their summers, grazing the sheep, goats, and cows, churning butter, making cheeses, which the men came in intervals to collect. When grazing in an area became poor, they moved the animals higher up the mountain to the next cabin. A free life, but a hard one. We spent our summer vacation this year in one of those cabins, just us and our girls, with the waterfalls, the creeks, the birds, and the sheep and cows as our only neighbor, and the sea, far, far below, at our feet. No roads, and a long day's hard climbing by foot. Our baby sat in a backpack on the way up. Our five year old walked, and my husband carried supplies on his back, and we hated to come down again. A two hour's drive from the fjords is Hardangervidda, the largest mountain plateau in Europe. It was here that heavy water was made during the war. There are still reindeer herds running wild here, and I've walked on the great glaciers, skied here, and driven the single road over the plateau many times. Winter, this road is closed because of the great blizzards. We also lived for a year on the west coast in a place called Bergen, it's a fishing and shipping town. You can buy live fish, among other

things, at the outdoor market places, and men repairing nets at the docks isn't an uncommon sight. We then moved to Oslo, the capital of Norway, unique because of the many trees that are in the town. It's surrounded by great forests, filled with moose and ski trails. Back home, you see signs "Deer Crossing," here it reads "Moose Crossing." Three years ago, we purchased a home near Tonsberg, on an island called Notterøy. We live in a quiet area, two minutes' walk to the shore. As you would think, boating is the largest summer pastime. It is also the area of Norway which has the most sun days. Winters here are very cold and very dark, but in the summer the sun shines 24 hours a day.

I work full time as a radiograph in the X-ray department at Central Hospital in Tonsberg. My husband works in the Norwegian police force with foreign affairs. We enjoy living here and it's a good place for the girls to grow up. The problems here are small compared to many other places in the world.

We'd all of us like to send our regards to everyone we know, and wishing you a lovely day for the Reunion.

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NORWAY

On September 1, 1981, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schaffer (R. D. #1, Box 197, New Milford, PA 18834) wrote a letter to S. Robert Powell in which were enclosed copies of the Historic Old Harford Days programs that were celebrated in 1980 (July 12-13) and 1981 (July 11-12). Given below is a typescript of that very informative letter from Henry and Gertrude (Loomis) Schaffer:

Dear Griswold Cousin,

I was surprised to receive your letter and very pleased with the transcription of the tape which our daughter, Audrey, sent to the Griswold Reunion. It was very thoughtful of you to send it to us. Because of a series of circumstances, we did not get to this year's reunion. We had been making trips to Endicott because of the passing of Henry's mother, some of our children from a distance were here and our daughter Carol's family car was hit by a truck as they left the funeral home. Carol was banged up and cut pretty bad but will heal. The children too will heal and cars can be replaced. We are very thankful that our son-in-law is alright but it was only his heavy Cadillac which saved him. This all left us exhausted.

In her letter Audrey tells of the book she is preparing. She asked me to write about her grandparents. I was glad to do this. I go back home and hear about what a good community worker my Mother was. Today my reply is, "But my Father was a wonderful man too." He didn't lead the meetings and was very quiet. When they furnished a chicken for a church dinner, he killed two and took the better parts and kept the neck and wings home. He did many things to help his farmer neighbors. Mother didn't mean to overshadow him. He wanted it that way and it was because of him that we grew up thinking Mother who graduated from Bloomsburg College knew everything!

Audrey speaks of the heavy water which was made in Norway during the War. It was when Norway was occupied and the Americans climbed up the impossible to climb mountains and got in thru the sewer pipes and sabotaged the plant while the Norwegian workers watched. Heavy water is used to make ammunition and this created a set back which helped win the War. To the Norwegians this is a big thing and they are grateful to the Americans. Readers Digest featured a book review of this 10 or more years ago.

Audrey works as a radiology technician. She received her training in Pennsylvania. Her husband worked at that time as a pilot. Flying is his first love! His parents own 9 green houses near Bergen, Norway, and are visited by tours from America. The parents of Terje (we call him Terry) attended a church service at Clinton Center Baptist Church and had a picture taken with the other people there to take back as a memento of their visit in 1974. The people were very friendly and they were very touched by it.

Terje and Audrey want very much for some of the family to visit them. We can not leave our farm business. Some can't afford the trip. My brother's family did plan on going but my sister-in-law became ill and is tied up with chemotherapy treatment. Right now she is going to New York City. Should you go to Norway, they would welcome you as family....

I will try to locate some of the pictures our kids in Norway want. If they succeed they are going to have a more complete family history than those of us who live in America.

This was the year I planned to bake enough apple pie for everyone at the [Griswold] reunion, but it was not the year of the apple. I also wrote Dwight Rude shortly before he died suggesting that we honor our in-laws at the reunion who have been such good reunion workers, and of course all in-laws because without them we would not be. Margaret [Rude] told me he [Dwight Rude] thought it was a good idea.

Yes, I would enjoy having the tape Audrey sent from Norway. I also hope that we can get enough of the younger cousins interested in their Roots to keep the Griswold Reunion alive and strong. Again our sincere thanks.

Sincerely

[signed] Henry and Gertrude Schaffer

On September 21, 1981, Gertrude (Loomis) Schaffer wrote the following letter to Donald W. Powell:

Dear Griswold Cousin:

Your brother, Robert, wrote to me and said that you would forward the audio cassette which our daughter, Audrey Steinstø, sent to the [Griswold] reunion.

I received a letter from my son-in-law and he said that if the tape did not arrive on time that it was his mistake for not mailing it when he should have. He told me to be sure to listen and to try to get copies of pictures for their family wall.

If you send the tape I will pay the expense and send it to you when I find out how much it is.

I was sorry not to be able to come to the 1981 reunion. I wish more of the younger generation would go but the middle of the week is not convenient for people as it was when most of the family were either farmers or teachers and lived nearby. As a family we suffered a great loss this last year when Dwight Rude died. I grew up in a sister church to Clinton Center Baptist but it was there we went for summer bible school and the same girls I was in 4-H Club with and all of us cousins in one degree or another and it was the church my grandparents and the greats were members of.

Sincerely,

[signed] Gertrude Loomis Schaffer
R. D. #1, Box 197
New Milford, PA 18834.



Isaac Wilson Cowperthwaite and His Wife, Rena Griswold, and Friends, Photographed by an Unidentified Studio Photographer at the Back of the Cowperthwaite House. Photograph in the collection of Minna Elizabeth (Oliver) Blair, Milton, PA; copy print by Donald W. Powell. Front row (left to right): Fred Arthur Oliver, Minna Elizabeth (Oliver) Blair, Carrie (McAvoy) Griswold, Ernestine Wilhelmina (Bucklish) Griswold. Second row: John Wilmer Oliver, Harold Vane Oliver, Louise Mae (Griswold) Oliver, Rena (Griswold) Cowperthwaite, Cornelia Gaylord. Third row: Isaac Wilson Cowperthwaite, John Griswold, Fred C. Griswold. This is one of the six photographs from the collection of Minna Elizabeth (Oliver) Blair that were on display at the seventy-fifth Griswold Reunion, August 19, 1981, at Ridge Farm, R. D. 1, Waymart, PA. See the letter from Minna Blair to Margaret Rude that is given on pages 30-31 of this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

LETTERS RECEIVED

Mrs. Wilma C. Wilsea (186 No. Bloomfield Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424) wrote the following letter to S. Robert Powell on August 20, 1981:

Dear Mr. Powell:

I await each publication of the "Northeastern Pennsylvania" with great anticipation. I would like to commend you on your good work and much success in bringing such an enjoyable and educational quarterly to those interested in preservation of our heritage.

I wish to add a very special thank you for printing the information from my April 15, 1980 letter in your LETTERS RECEIVED section of the August 19, 1981 publication which I received yesterday.

I have not found anything on the information I need from the Scranton, PA area. However, I have a considerable amount of patience and faith that some day, I will find a connection. It might be noted that Clarence WILSEA was married to a Mary BENTLEY. I have discovered that there were and are WILSEY'S AND BENTLEY'S in this area and surrounding areas.

My family and I have become interested in going to local flea markets and whenever they have a postcard booth, I always look through the Pennsylvania postcards. I recently bought one which has a picture of "House of Good Shepherd," Scranton, PA and also one of the new station LACKAWANNA RAILROAD, Scranton, PA. I would be very interested in finding out what type of institution, "House of Good Shepherd" was. I do not at this moment wish to let go of these post cards, however, I am making a Xerox copy of the one (LACKAWANNA RAILROAD) and forwarding same to you as you might be interested in the message and name & address of person to whom it had been sent.

My husband and I are planning to visit Scranton, PA by bus (Staying a week), the week of October 26th. We will be celebrating our 34th. wedding anniversary on October 26, 1981 and can think of no better way to spend that week. We have a new 1980 Chevette but have over 30,000 miles on it in a year, so decided to take the bus for this trip.

I belong to the Lackawanna Historical Society, so plan to stop there and any other suggestions would be helpful. I am enclosing a SASE, in case you might have any other suggestions to help me when I arrive in Scranton.

Sincerely,

[signed] (Mrs. Wilma C. Wilsea)

On August 24, 1981, Mrs. Marjorie Pierson Nims (79 Maple Avenue, Keene, NH 03431) wrote a letter to S. Robert Powell which contained the following paragraph:

"I must congratulate you on your remarkable publication [NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA]. It is very interesting. I hope some day to attend one of the [Griswold] reunions."

On September 14, 1981, Mrs. Ruth Yarns (232 Melrose Avenue, Clarks Summit, PA 18411) wrote the following letter to Edwin M. Sheffield:

Dear Mr. Sheffield:

The copies of Northeastern Penn. came a week or so ago, and needless to say I have enjoyed them so much and have read each one from cover to cover. I never realized there was such a publication--they are all so interesting. I was particularly interested in the "Cemetery" edition [Volume II, Number 3, February 18, 1981] as a good many of my husband's people are buried there--and I also picked out the homes where some lived on the map: Mrs. Kirkbride was a Yarns, also, a sister to G. L. Yarns--who was my husband's father. My husband passed away last Oct. 17 but is buried near here.

Would you kindly send me Mr. Sherwood's address so that I can write and thank him for these subscriptions.

May I wish you continued success with your paper. I am looking forward to the next edition.

Sincerely

[signed] Ruth Yarns

Dr. R. Eugene Crow, Executive Minister, American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware, Valley Forge, PA 19481, wrote, in part, the following letter to Donald W. Powell on September 24, 1981:

Dear Mr. Powell:

...Thank you very much for the copy of the history of the Berean Baptist Church of Carbondale, Pennsylvania [published in Volume I, Number 2, November 21, 1979 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA]. I want to put a copy in our files and I also want to see that a copy goes to the American Baptist Historical Society at Rochester.... This copy is exceedingly well done and it represents a considerable amount of work and research. I wish that we had something like this for each one of our churches.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Cordially yours,

Dr. R. Eugene Crow

REC/pmp



Acknowledgments

The history of the Clinton Township Pioneer Days that is presented in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA could not have been written were it not for the fact that the late Lois Tryphenia (Norton) Curtis graciously allowed the Brothers Powell (Donald W. and S. Robert) to borrow and photocopy a large quantity of historical documents that were either written by or collected by her throughout her life. All of those documents were photocopied and returned to Lois Curtis in 1980 and were in the document archive of Lois Curtis at the time of her death on May 27, 1981. We, and all subsequent generations, are very much indebted to the late Lois Curtis not only for having recorded, gathered and preserved virtually all of the information that has come down to us about the Clinton Township Pioneer Days but also for having recorded, gathered and preserved a great deal of information about Clinton Township in general. The author of this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, S. Robert Powell, is pleased, therefore, to here acknowledge the important role played by Lois Curtis in the writing of the present history of the Clinton Township Pioneer Days. Were she alive today, it would, doubtless, give Lois Curtis great pleasure to know that her archive of information on the Clinton Township Pioneer Days served as the foundation of the history of those celebrations that is presented herein.

Reprinted in the history of the Clinton Center Baptist Church that is presented in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA is Kenneth Singer's History of the Clinton Center Baptist Church that was presented at the sesquicentennial celebration, on August 23, 1981, of the establishment of that church on November 10, 1831. For allowing us to reprint that history herein, we here offer our thanks to Kenneth Singer of Waymart, PA.

The present writer's history of the Clinton Township Pioneer Days and of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, as well as the Genealogical and Local History Notes presented in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, were enriched (1) because Marjorie (Rude) Cook of Anadarko, OK, Rev. G. Fay Crossman of Pleasant Mount, PA, Edith A. Gardner of Carbondale, PA, Alice (Curtis) Lund of Pomona Park, FL, Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder of Danville, PA, and Verna (Curtis) Varcoe of Waymart, PA all provided the author with historical information for inclusion herein, and (2) because Minna (Oliver) Blair of Milton, PA, Mabel Bunting of South Canaan, PA, Laura (Loomis) Rude of Carbondale, PA, and Mildred (Rude) Thomas of Carbondale, PA graciously gave us permission to reprint herein photographs from their collections. For allowing us to do so, we here offer our sincere thanks.

For producing the copy prints used to reproduce eight of the photographs in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, and for allowing us to reprint herein two of his original photographs, the author, S. Robert Powell, is pleased to here offer his thanks to Donald W. Powell of Carbondale and Chester, PA.

S. Robert Powell
Carbondale, PA
November 18, 1981

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Volume II, Number 2 (November 19, 1980)

John Griswold (1754-1843) and Elizabeth Crittenden (1761-1851) of Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania: Their Ancestors, Their Descendants.

Together with the present issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, they constitute an extraordinary portrait of Clinton Township.

The next issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (Volume III, Number 3, February 17, 1982) will be a history of the amusement parks of northeastern Pennsylvania of the past and present. One of the features of that history will be a history of the Lake Ariel amusement park by Kurt A. Reed of Lake Ariel, PA. Another feature of that history will be a report by Derek Shaw of Scranton, PA, on roller coasters and amusement parks in the eleven counties of northeastern Pennsylvania of the past and of the present. Readers who have information on or photographs of amusement parks in northeastern Pennsylvania who would like to share that information with other readers of this quarterly are asked to write to the Editor of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA at Post Office Box 161, Carbondale, PA 18407-0161.

The second part of the history of Maplewood Cemetery, Carbondale, PA, which, it will be recalled, was to be presented in Volume III, Number 3 of this historical quarterly, will not be included in Volume III, Number 3. Rather, it will be published in Volume III, Number 4, May 19, 1982.

Edwin M. Sheffield

GENEALOGY OF DYMOND, WILLIAMS, AND RELATED FAMILIES

Announcing the publication of the following book about people in northeastern Pennsylvania who settled here from Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey:

GENEALOGY OF THE DYMOND, WILLIAMS, AND RELATED FAMILIES (Mosher, Booth, Whitlock, Carr, Cooke, Davol, Martin, Coolbaugh, Jaggars, and Waggoner) by Robert Herschel Dymond (Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc., 1981). 256 pages, indexed, cloth-bound.

\$11.50 per copy (includes postage and handling). Write to:

Robert H. Dymond
911 West Grove Avenue
Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

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CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER

Volume I, Number 1

August 25, 1985

FROM THE EDITORS:

This is Volume I, Number 1 of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER. The Editors of this NEWSLETTER are Donald W. Powell and S. Robert Powell, the Secretary/Treasurer and the Corresponding Secretary/Historian, respectively, of the Griswold Reunion. All of the information in this NEWSLETTER was gathered, written, and synthesized by the Editors. This NEWSLETTER was produced by S. Robert Powell.

The information herein is divided into four primary sections:

I. The Brudos Tea Party, August 20, 1984, at Ridge Farm, Waymart;

II. The 10:30 A.M. combined service of the Aldenville-Clinton Center Baptist Churches in the Clinton Center Baptist Church on August 26, 1984;

III. The Historical Program, in the Clinton Center Baptist Church, at 1:30 P.M. on August 26, 1984, marking the 153rd Anniversary of the establishment of the Clinton Center Baptist Church;

IV. The 78th Annual Business Meeting of the Griswold Reunion, held after the Historical Program (mentioned immediately above) in the Clinton Center Baptist Church, on August 26, 1984.

I. THE BRUDOS TEA PARTY August 20, 1984

Pearl and Ernest Brudos, from Lake City, South Dakota, visited Clinton Township on the weekend before the 1984 Clinton Center Pioneer Day/Griswold Reunion celebrations. Pearl is the fourth of the seven daughters of William Van Tassel Curtis and Marie Peterson.

On Monday, August 20, 1984, eleven Griswolds gathered at Ridge Farm, the home of Margaret Rude, to visit with Pearl and Ernest Brudos while they were stopping at Ridge Farm: Margaret Rude, Myrtle Curtis, Beatrice Bartholomay, Alice and Norman Lund, Verna Varcoe, Amy Rude, Doris Howell, Edith Gardner, Donald W. Powell and S. Robert Powell.

Recollections of early days in Clinton Township, of pheasant shooting expeditions taken by the Rudes to South Dakota during visits to the Brudos family there, and the upcoming Clinton Center Pioneer Day/Griswold Reunion were among the many topics of conversation at the afternoon tea served by Margaret Rude. A photograph of the entire group, standing on the front porch of Ridge Farm, was taken by Donald W. Powell.

II. COMBINED SERVICE ALDENVILLE-CLINTON CENTER BAPTIST CHURCHES August 26, 1984, 10:30 A.M.

The many activities that took place in Clinton Township on August 26, 1984, began with a combined service of worship of the Aldenville-Clinton Center Baptist Churches in the Clinton Center Baptist Church, Reverend Dwight E. Anderson, pastor, at 10:30 A.M.

The program of the worship service is as follows:

Prelude

Call to Worship--

"Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord through
which the righteous may enter. I will
give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation."

Hymn No. 291: "Revive Us Again"

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Responsive Reading: Selection 482

Hymn No. 172: "The Light of the World"

Saxophone Solo by Mildred Anderson

Scripture Reading: Luke VIII: 22-25

Mission Highlights

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Receiving the Offering

Offertory

Doxology and Prayer

Hymn No. 119: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Sermon: "A Chosen Vessel"

"He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear
my name before the Gentiles, and kings,
and the children of Israel." Acts IX:15

Hymn No. 227: "We Have an Anchor"

Benediction

Postlude

Many in the congregation were identified as being descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden.

Following the church service, a bountiful covered-dish dinner was served in the Church basement. Baked ham (courtesy of Alice and Norman Lund), rolls, beverages, and table service were furnished by the Church. The row of tables along the north wall of the Church was covered from end to end with a very large number of family specialties, which were enjoyed by a capacity crowd. The fine food and the good dinner-table fellowship were enjoyed by one and all for over an hour.

III. HISTORICAL PROGRAM Clinton Center Baptist Church August 26, 1984, 1:30 P.M.

At 1:30 P.M., the well-fed Clintonians returned to the Church sanctuary, where an historical program in honor of the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township and of the early ministers of the Clinton Center Baptist Church

was presented. The program, marking the 153rd anniversary of the establishment of the Church, was as follows:

Master of Ceremonies. . . . Donald W. Powell
Historical Program Committee. . . Alice Curtis
Lund, Chairman; Donald W. Powell, S.
Robert Powell, Mildred Anderson

- I. Prelude. . . . Carol Harris, Piano
(Bless This House, America the Beautiful)
- II. Opening Prayer. . . Mildred Anderson
- III. Hymn Sing. . . . Congregation, under
the direction of Mildred Anderson
 - a. God Bless America
 - b. Canal Days-Ho (words by Alice Lund,
music by Mildred Anderson)

CANAL DAYS-HO

From Honesdale town to the Hudson
down,

Get up mule, haul that coal;
Clomp, clomp, clomp the long, long haul;
Get up mule, haul those hides,
Clomp, clomp, clomp the hard, hard drag.
Get up mule, haul that freight,
Clomp, clomp, clomp, the towpath walk.

Down along the Lackawaxen go,
Get up mule, haul those goods,
Clomp, clomp, clomp, the Delaware cross;
Get up mule, haul that barge,
Clomp, clomp, clomp, it's hard to drag.
Get up mule, haul those folks,
Clomp, clomp, clomp, and earn your keep.

c. This Land Is Your Land

- IV. Welcoming Remarks. . . Alice Lund
- V. Free-Will Offering for the upkeep of the
Clinton Center Baptist Church; Tara's
Theme, from Gone With the Wind, to be
performed on the piano by Carol Harris
during the offering.
- VI. Special Music. . . Carrie, Tracy and
David Morgenstern
 - a. Smile, God Loves You
 - b. I Am the Promise
- VII. Jokes, Pleasantries and Plain
Truths. . . Alice Lund
- VIII. The Delaware and Hudson Canal

"Of the D. & H. Canal" . . . Alice Lund
(written during the winter 1983-1984)

"The Canawler"--a 16 millimeter color
film about the Delaware and Hudson
Canal; this professionally made film is
owned by and is presented today
courtesy of the Carbondale Historical
Society and Museum, Inc., S. Robert
Powell, President. Film introduced by S.
Robert Powell
- IX. Benediction. . . Rev. Dwight Anderson
- X. Group Photograph, by Donald W. Powell,
of 57 of the persons attending the 153rd
Anniversary celebration today of the founding
of the Clinton Center Baptist Church.

The following persons signed the guest
register during the 153rd Anniversary historical
program:

Alice W. Lund, signature illegible, Becky
Geuther, Doris Mead, Marjorie Gravalec, Mr.
and Mrs. Ralph Giles, Mary Zollbrecht, Mildred
E. La Barre, Frances Remsen, Mr. and Mrs.
George Pazel, Beulah Gibson, Verla C. Arnold,
Verna C. Varcoe, Norman S. Lund, Linda
Thornton, Alice Mosher, Clara Buroff, Nicholas
Buroff, Wyman Terrel, Rev. Dwight Anderson,
Laura Rude, Ann Tyler, David Morgenstern,
Carrie Morgenstern, Heather Harris, Tracy
Morgenstern, Faith Stranad, Joseph Strand,
Donald B. McMillen, Allan G. Geuther, Shirley
M. Geuther, Gertrude G. McMillen, Jeff
Geuther, Shari Geuther, Jeff Geuther, Wendy

Geuther, Mrs. Quentin (Juletta) Geuther,
Florence Robinson, Iva Robinson, Elizabeth
Jones, Ken Bailey, Louella Bailey, Myrtle
Curtis, Doris Howell, Ann and Francis Curtis,
Bernice Dolan, Gertrude Snyder, Edith Gardner,
Laura Schermerhorn, Mary Schermerhorn, Mary
Tyler, Jill Schermerhorn, William Schermerhorn,
Fred Olver, Dorothy L. Olver, Amy
Shhermerhorn, Steve Gravalec, Jane Kille,
Gloria Johnston, Mark Johnston, Richard Kille,
James Kille, Wendy Kille, Fred A. Bessette,
Alfred Shaffer, Jeanne Breidenstein, Margaret
R. Rude, Edward T. Myers, Ken Breidenstein,
Beatrice Bartholomay, Donald W. Powell, S.
Robert Powell, Julia Wright, Leo Wright,
Mildred Anderson.

The following 57 persons sat to a
photograph, by Donald W. Powell, at the
conclusion of the Historical Program: Mark
Johnston, Lester Wright, Wendy Kille, Gloria
Johnston, Amy Schermerhorn, Mary Tyler (with
dog, Echo), Laura Schermerhorn, Jill
Schermerhorn, David Morgenstern, Tracy
Morgenstern, Carrie Morgenstern, Heather
Harris, James Kille, Mildred La Barre, Mary
Zollbrecht, Fred Olver, Donald W. Powell,
unidentified, Jane Shaffer Kille, Dorothy Olver,
Norman Lund, Alfred Shaffer, Margaret Rude,
Faith Stranad, Linda Thornton, Clara Buroff,
Joseph Strand, Verna Varcoe, Doris Howell,
Nick Buroff, Marjorie Gravalec, Edith Gardner,
Helen Giles, Steve Gravalec, Alice Lund,
Bernice Dolan, Verla Arnold, Beatrice
Bartholomay, Rebecca Geuther, unidentified,
Carol Harris, Rev. Dwight Anderson, Doris
Mead, Gertrude Snyder, Kenneth Bailey,
Mildred Anderson, Ralph Giles, Francis Henry
Curtis III, Ann Louise Curtis, Louella Bailey,
Beulah Gibson, Mildred Pazel, Myrtle Curtis, S.
Robert Powell, unidentified, Iva Robinson,
George Pazel.

IV. GRISWOLD REUNION 78th Annual Business Meeting August 26, 1984

Following the Historical Program, the
descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth
Crittenden convened in the Church sanctuary
for the 78th Annual Business Meeting of the
Griswold Reunion. The program of the Reunion
was as follows:

A. Remarks. . . . S. Robert Powell
(Robert pointed out that over 2/3 of the
congregation during the 10:30 A.M. church
service are Griswolds; he also emphasized that
the Griswold Reunion and the Clinton Center
Pioneer Day must continue to be celebrated
annually and that by combining both
celebrations we can strengthen both groups.)

B. Remarks. . . . Donald W. Powell
(Donald presented and described to the
group the historical objects that were brought
to the Reunion and which were on display on
the window sills in the Church basement
throughout the day:

1. Fern Box, made by Alice Lund, August
1984;
2. Edith Gardner's painted wooden bowl,
"Winter Scene." Edith Gardner: "This bowl was
painted by Harriet Curtis Gardner in
approximately 1885";
3. Portrait photograph of George and
Augusta Curtis, born June 1, 1852; from the
collection of Alice Lund;
4. Two photographs from the collection
of Edith Gardner: "Lois Norton Curtis," and
"Steamship Portland, bound for Alaska, March
13, 1904."
5. An engraved invitation to the 1905
Peck Reunion (the descendants of Rev. Elijah
Peck), from the collection of Donald W.
Powell; a lively and lengthy discussion of the
Peck Reunion followed the presentation of this
engraved invitation.

C. Report of the Corresponding
Secretary/Historian.....S. Robert Powell

Every effort was made by SRP to get as much publicity as possible about the 78th Griswold Reunion (1984) and, therefore, guarantee a good attendance at the Reunion. To that end, SRP wrote and produced a two-page mailing piece (page 1: the announcement of the 78th Griswold Reunion and the 153rd anniversary of the founding of the Clinton Center Baptist Church; page 2: the 1984 Griswold Reunion Information Sheet), which was mailed, on July 31, 1984, to the 162 individuals and families on the mailing list.

In addition, SRP wrote, and arranged for the publication of, six press releases, which were published in the period July 19, 1984--August 23, 1984:

FOREST CITY NEWS, 07-19-1984, p. 5 (photograph by Donald W. Powell--hereinafter "DWP"--of the 77th Griswold Reunion--hereinafter "GR"--+ announcement of the 78th GR/153rd Clinton Center Baptist Church--hereinafter "CCBC"--Anniversary);

THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT, 07-21/22-1984, p. 10A (announcement of the 78th GR/153rd CCBC Anniversary; this paper was sent, but did not publish with the announcement, the group photograph by DWP of the 152nd CCBC Anniversary that was sent to them to accompany the announcement);

CARBONDALE NEWS, 08-08-1984, p. 3, p. 9 (DWP photograph of 77th GR + announcement of the 78th GR/153rd CCBC Anniversary);

FOREST CITY NEWS, 08-16-1984, p. 5 (DWP photograph of 152nd CCBC Anniversary + announcement of the 78th GR/153rd CCBC Anniversary);

CARBONDALE NEWS, 08-22-1984, p. 3 (brief announcement in Community Calendar of 78th GR/153rd CCBC Anniversary; no photograph);

THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT, 08-23-1984, p. 5A (brief reminder of the 78th GR/153rd CCBC Anniversary in the reunion announcement section).

SRP incurred the following expenses during 1984 on behalf of the GR: \$15.60 (printing of two-page mailer that was mailed on 07-31-84), \$11.7 (printing of gummed labels to send out two-page mailer), \$32.40 (postage to mail out 162 announcements of the Reunion). Total expenses incurred by the Corresponding Secretary/Historian in 1984: \$50.18. SRP reimbursed, in cash, on 08-27-1984 by Treasurer of Griswold Reunion.

SRP reported that he had sent to Charles D. and Edna W. Townsend a complete copy of the entire list of descendants of John Griswold (No. 375A) and Elizabeth Crittenden. This list was originally published in Volume II, Number 2 (November 19, 1980) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. Following the publication of the descendant list in NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, SRP carefully updated and corrected the list and sent it to the Townsends, on 03-26-1982, so that the complete list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden might be included in Volume VII of the Griswold family history, entitled, GRISWOLD FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA, Volume VII. When SRP received his personal copy (Copy No. 20) of said volume, he was greatly dismayed to learn that the fruits of his research were not all included in said volume. Rather than publish the complete list of descendants in Volume VII, the Townsends merely referred the reader to the list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden that was published in Volume II, No. 2 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. Very disappointing treatment by the Townsends. The Townsends had the complete list and it should have been published in Volume VII of GRISWOLD FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

NOTE: At the Reunion in 1984, DWP reported that he had learned from Stan Pratt of Honesdale that the Townsends have been replaced as the national family historians and that Robert and Esther French (R. D., Box 139, Chatham, NY 12037) have been named the national Griswold genealogists and family historians and that they are very interested in receiving a copy of SRP's complete list of the descendants of John Griswold (No. 375A) and Elizabeth Crittenden for inclusion in the next hard cover volume of GRISWOLD FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

(A copy of that list was mailed to Robert and Esther French on April 10, 1985.

On April 18, 1985, Robert and Esther French replied to SRP's letter of April 10, 1985, as follows:

Thank you for your letter of April 10, 1985 and for the list of descendants of John and Elizabeth Crittenden (No. 375A--Michael line). It is the product of much hard work and will be a great help to the Griswold Family Association.

Part of the answer to your question of why there was not more of your material in Volume VII lies in the fact that neither Glenn Griswold nor the Townsends went further than the children of women named Griswold. There are many members of the Association with other surnames but, with very few exceptions, none appears in the six volumes unless their mother's name was Griswold. The Association adopted that policy because of the near impossibility of following all female lines.

As genealogists for the Association we do have a wide correspondence with people seeking to trace their Griswold ancestry, so we can make good use of your material in that way. If the GFA should find it possible to follow female lines in future publications your work will have made a great difference..."

COMMENT BY SRP: The Griswold Family Association should, it is my belief, make every effort to include in the published volumes of GRISWOLD FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA all known information about all descendants of Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, CT, regardless of whether they descend from a male line or a female line. Granted, it can be extremely difficult to trace a female line (neither Glenn Griswold nor the Townsends went further than the women of children named Griswold), but given the fact that some female lines are well documented and clear, e.g., the Clinton Township Griswold line, the known information about those female lines is as much an integral part of the Griswold family history as the information about the male lines. Just because known information about known female lines was not included in the published volumes of Griswold family history in the past is no reason for not including that information in presently-under-way or upcoming publications of the GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.)

SRP also reported, at the 78th Annual Griswold Reunion, that he chaired a committee of the descendants of Laura Griswold, and arranged to have the name of LAURA GRISWOLD (born, 07-07-1826, died, 03-25-1924) included on a special "In Memoriam" page in Volume VII of GRISWOLD FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

SRP also reported that on 06-19-1984, he received a letter from John V. Buberniak (a guest of SRP's at the Reunion in 1983) who was visiting his maternal grandparents in Peru, IN. In his letter, John reported that he had located in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, IN, the tombstones of the following Griswolds:

1. Willard Griswold 1831-1904
2. Charles Griswold PVT. 28 BTRY. IND. LT. ARTY.
April 30, 1928
3. Alice Gertrude Griswold 1872-1954
4. Harriet Griswold 1846-1926
5. Thomas F. Griswold April 27-28, 1900
6. Marjorie B. Griswold April 24--May 2, 1894
7. Dorothea B. Griswold April 24-25, 1894

At the Reunion, the Corresponding Secretary/Historian read the poem, "Reunion Day," by Grace Gray Sample, of Albia, IA. A copy of this poem, which is reproduced below, was handed to SRP by a member of the Reunion who prefers to remain anonymous:

REUNION DAY

Laden with food
And bearing good cheer,
The relatives gather
On this one day each year.
Greeting each other
With words, amazed,
At the years that are passing
Since long-ago days.

They have passed on now
Who were roots of our day,
The years have been many
Since they went away.
But memories hold laughter,
And memories hold love,
And the hope the Hereafter
Holds reunions above.

Newborns and newlyweds
Might not understand
The reason behind
The desire to attend,
The need to keep close,
The need to stay "one"--
To remember the roots
From which we have come.

Grace Gray Sample
Albia, Iowa

SRP also read the poem "Yesterday * Today * Tomorrow" by the Rev. G. Fay Crossman (given on page 57 of Rev. Crossman's recently published volume of poetry entitled, "Words of Love"). This poem, which was written by Rev. Crossman on January 8, 1983, is as follows:

YESTERDAY * TODAY * TOMORROW

Yesterday was the day before today
And to bring it back, there is no way
What we were going to do yesterday
We may be able to get it done today

Today is our opportunity to do
It is ours to use all day through
To use it for good or ill
Mostly according to our will.

Today we can be happy along the way
And a kind word to some one may say
A helping hand to some one in need
A kind word, a helping hand can be a good deed.

Today is the only day we have to live
So let us live it that we may be able to give
And be a witness each day for God above
Whom is the greatest Giver of love.

Tomorrow is a day we never will see
As it is always a day ahead of you and me
We plan to do things tomorrow when it is today
All too soon tomorrow will be today, then yesterday

When tomorrow comes it is no longer tomorrow
As it has changed from tomorrow to today
Just let us live today and tomorrow's today
Continue to praise God and always to Him pray.

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SRP then called for all revisions and/or additions to the Griswold Reunion Mailing List and to the official list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden, and announced that an updated and corrected list of descendants would be available to family members in the Fall of 1984.

The following individuals (names not listed in any particular order) furnished information to SRP to update and correct the official list of descendants and also the Griswold Reunion Mailing List:

Pearl and Ernest Brudos, Niles F. and Nancy M. Curtis, Verna C. Varcoe, the Blair Family (Douglas S., and Helen E. Blair) of Niceville, FL, Virginia Rude Hungerford, Leland and Betty Loomis, Leeta Geuther, Margaret Remsen Rude, Mildred E. LaBarre, Alice Curtis Lund, Marge Treat, Edith A. Gardner, Verla C. Arnold, Mrs. Reginald Blair, Mrs. Willard Gibson, Harold T. Loomis, Myrtle Curtis, Mrs. Marjorie Norton Walker, Patricia C. Lawrence, Mary Zollbrecht, Esther Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Henry Curtis III, Dorothy and Fred Olver, and Donald Walter Powell.

In addition, SRP showed thirty color slides that he took at the 77th Griswold Reunion at Ridge Farm in 1983; also included were some slides that were taken at the 152nd CCBC Anniversary in 1983.

D. Report of the Treasurer....Donald W. Powell

The Treasurer reported that there was a balance of \$15.85 in the bank account when all expenses from last year's reunion were paid.

Bills presented this year for payment: printing of announcements of the Reunion: \$15.60; printing of labels, \$117; postage for mailing out announcements, \$32.40; miscellaneous, \$1.01

The following persons were unable to attend the Griswold Reunion in Clinton Township in 1984, but sent in donations for the annual collection:

Niles F. and Nancy M. Curtis
Douglas S. and Helen E. Blair
Virginia R. and Philip C. Hungerford, Jr.
Helen Loomis Russell Powell
Mrs. Reginald Blair
Esther Griswold
Mrs. Patricia Lawrence
Mrs. Marjorie N. Walker

The donations of these thoughtful and generous Griswolds is very much appreciated. Thank you from the entire Griswold family.

E. 1984 Griswold Reunion collection.....taken in the Harriet Curtis Gardner bowl

F. Distribution, by Donald W. Powell, of ordered and paid for group photographs of the 1983 Griswold Reunion.

G. Adjournment of Annual Business Meeting of the Griswold Reunion; Reunion to next meet on August 18, 1985.

The following persons signed the register at the 1984 Griswold Reunion Annual Business Meeting:

Donald W. Powell, Mary Tyler, Amy Schermerhorn, Laura Schermerhorn, Gertrude Snyder, Edith Gardner, signature illegible, Margaret R. Rude, Myrtle W. Curtis, Doris C. Howell, Verna C. Varcoe, Bernice Dolan, Francis Henry Curtis III, Ann Louise Curtis, William Schermerhorn, Jill Schermerhorn, Mary Schermerhorn, Ann Tyler, Laura Rude, Becky Geuther, Helen Giles, Ralph Giles, Doris Mead, Marjorie Gravalec, Stephen Gravalec, Mildred LaBarre, Norman S. Lund, George and Mildred Pazel, Verla C. Arnold, Beatrice Bartholomay, Rev. Dwight Anderson, Fred A. Olver, Dorothy L. Olver, Alice Lund, S. Robert Powell.

THE GRISWOLDS OF GUILFORD, CT

The following announcement was discovered by Donald W. Powell in the January-February 1985 issue (Volume XXXIX, No. 1, pages 118-119) of The Genealogical Helper:

FAMILIES OF EARLY GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT, 1984. Compiled by Alvan TALCOTT, edited and prepared for publication by Jacquelyn L. RICKER, available from Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202. Hardback, 6 X 9 inches, 1379 pages, indexed, \$75.00.

Genealogical records of many families of early Guilford, Connecticut are contained in this book. The records are arranged alphabetically by family name, under which may also be found the names and records of allied families. To facilitate the search for an allied family, the reader is advised to consult the index. As far as possible, each family line is traced from the settlement of the town in 1639 downward, and the descendants who removed from Guilford to other localities are followed as near the cut-off date of 1890 as possible. The record of each family is complete in itself giving the residence and the date of birth, marriage, and death of each member, with numerical references, in certain cases, to ancestors and descendants. Nearly 90 families are presented along with thousands of allied names. Some of the families included are: BALDWIN, BURGIS, CAMP, CRUTTENDEN, DAVIS, DUDLEY, ELLIOT, EVARTS, FAIRCHILD, FRENCH, GOLDSMITH, GRISWOLD, HALL, HUBBARD, ISBELL, JOHNSON, JONES, KELSEY, KIRKHAM, LONDON, LOPER, MEIGS, MURRAY, NORTON, PAGE, PIERSON, ROBINSON, RUSSELL, SCRANTON, STONE, TALLMAN, TODD, VAILL, WALKLEY, WOODWARD, plus many more.

DESCENDANT LIST

To obtain a copy of the updated and corrected list of the descendants of John Griswold (No. 375A) and Elizabeth Crittenden, of Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA, contact the Recording Secretary/Historian of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion, S. Robert Powell (Post Office Box 161, Carbondale, PA 18407).

Given the fact that this descendant list is 98 pages in length, we will have to ask that you contribute to the cost of xeroxing the list. Please enclose \$5.00 for each copy of the list that you order.

CLAUDE WRIGHT MANATON MAKES DISCOVERY

It is from Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, CT, that the Griswolds of Clinton Township are descended. Michael Griswold is one of the sons of George Griswold and Dorothy James of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, England. The name and number of the siblings of Michael Griswold is a matter of some discussion among Griswold historians (see page 2 of Volume II, Number 2, November 19, 1980, of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA for a discussion of this question).

One of "our" Griswolds, Claude Wright Manaton (2965 N. W. 154th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006), has conducted research in this area, and, in a November 1984 letter to S. Robert Powell, reported the following information: "... I have been able to verify beyond a doubt that Michael Griswold was a brother of Thomas and Francis Griswold, born in Kenilworth, Warwick, England, to George Griswold and Dorothy James. The record is contained in the Parish Register and I have seen it on microfilms belonging to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and kept in their genealogy library in Salt Lake City, Utah."

Claude Wright Manaton is the son of Evelyn Marie Wright and Claude Emerson Manaton, and grandson of Leah Matilda Stiles and Ira Charles Wright.

EDGAR ALLEN POE

Donald W. Powell, in the course of his research in American history, learned the following fact:

The executor of Edgar Allen Poe's estate and his official biographer is RUFUS GRISWOLD.

MISSING TEXT UN-EARTHED

Until August 1984, the complete newspaper account of the unveiling, on August 27, 1915, of the six-ton natural flint conglomerate stone, "IN MEMORY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS TOWNSHIP AND THE FOUNDERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH," in Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery, was lost. Just before the Griswold Reunion, last year, however, Wyman Terrel came across a copy of the complete newspaper account and presented it to Alice Curtis Lund, who brought it to the Reunion with her and shared it with the members present. Donald Powell borrowed the newspaper clipping from Alice and had multiple copies made. If you would like to see a copy, contact Alice or Donald.

A fragment of the account of the unveiling is presented on page 3 of the November 19, 1980 issue (Volume II, Number 2) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. The part of the clipping that was formerly missing is the body of E. M. Peck's history of the first settlers of Clinton Township and of the ministers of the Clinton Center Baptist Church.

Thank you, Wyman Terrel, for thinking of the Griswolds when you came across this important newspaper clipping.

THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

The national organization of Griswolds is called The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc. The descendants of Edward Griswold of Windsor, CT, Matthew Griswold of Lyme, CT, Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, CT, and Francis Griswold of Cambridge, MA, including collateral lineage once having the surname Griswold, are eligible for membership, upon proof of descent, together with their spouses and children. As descendants of John Griswold (No. 375A, married Elizabeth Crittenden), we are all descendants of Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, CT, and are, therefore, all potential members of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

To become a member of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC., you must prove that you descend from Edward, Matthew, Michael or Francis Griswold (see preceding paragraph). To do so, you must indicate your line of descent. As descendants of John Griswold (No. 375A) and Elizabeth Crittenden, our line of descent is as follows:

Michael Griswold (1)
Thomas Griswold (2)
Samuel Griswold (16)
John Griswold (88)
John Griswold (375A)

The numbers in parentheses have been assigned to the members of the Griswold family by Glenn E. Griswold in his books entitled THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ENGLAND - AMERICA, Volumes II, III. These numbers are important identifying labels and must be used when applying for membership in THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. in proving your descent from Michael Griswold. All of this information about our line of descent is very clearly spelled out in the Griswold issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (Volume II, Number 2, November 19, 1980), copies of which are available from the Corresponding Secretary/Historian of the Griswold Reunion, S. Robert Powell.

To become a member of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. contact any of the officers of the Association (names and addresses given below). Dues: students and retirees, \$8.00; single, \$10.00; family, \$15.00; patron, \$25.00; donor, \$50.00; life, \$100.00; benefactor, \$1,000.00.

In the Spring of 1985, the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion became a member of The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc. A copy of the June, 1985, issue of the national newsletter (Richard Griswold, Jr., Editor) was received this Summer and is kept with the official records of the Secretary of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion, Donald W. Powell. If you would like to read this issue of the national newsletter, speak to Donald.

In addition, when membership in the national organization was taken out, the Secretary of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion purchased (\$2.75) for the Reunion a copy of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY IN ENGLAND BEFORE 1639, A Report of the Findings of Bonnie Boone Day Griswold and James Wells Griswold, 1984. This report is also kept with the official records of the Reunion, and if you would like to read it, speak to Donald.

The officers of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. for 1983-1985 are:

RICHARD M. GRISWOLD, JR., President, 1984-1985
116 Garden Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109

JOAN GRISWOLD, First Vice President, 1984-1985
Box 16, Granby, CT 06035

ANDREW C. PIKOSKY, Second Vice President, 1983-1984, 17 East Street, New Milford, CT 06776

EVELYN G. GRISWOLD, Secretary, 1983-1984
116 Garden Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109

ELIZABETH A. YOUNG, West Coast Chapter Secretary, 1983-1984, 1430 North Sycamore Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92631

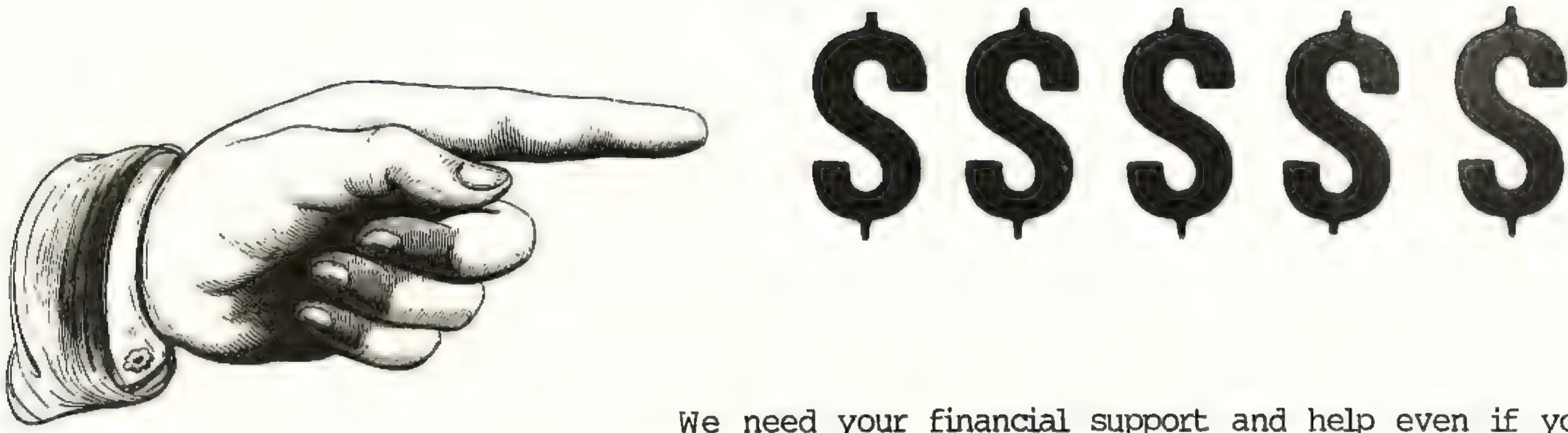
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BARBARA M. GRISWOLD, Registrar, 1983-1984
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ROBERT AND ESTHER FRENCH, Genealogists, R. D., Box 139, Chatham, NY 12037

STAN PRATT, Bulletin Editor, 313 Park Street, Honesdale, PA 18431

ALBERT D. GRISWOLD, Bulletin Editor, 283 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, Ct 06067



We need your financial support and help even if you can't attend the Clinton Center Pioneer Day/Griswold Reunion.

It takes money to produce:

- a. the announcement of the joint celebration (Clinton Center Pioneer Day/Griswold Reunion),
- b. the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER,
- c. the 1985 Griswold Reunion Information Sheet,
- d. the very page that you are now reading.

It takes money to buy the envelopes and pay the postage fees to mail all of the above items to you.

THEREFORE, if you are unable to attend the Clinton Center Pioneer Day, it is important that you send a donation to the Clinton Center Pioneer Day Committee (Alice C. Lund, Chairman) to be included in the free-will offering that will be taken during the Historical Program on August 25th.

Alice Curtis Lund, Chairman
Clinton Center Pioneer Day Committee
Clinton Center Baptist Church
Waymart, PA 18472

THEREFORE, if you are unable to attend the 79th Annual Business Meeting of the Griswold Reunion on August 25th, it is important that you send a donation to the Griswold Reunion, c/o the Secretary/Treasurer, to be included in the free-will offering that will be taken during the 79th Annual Business Meeting.

Donald W. Powell
Secretary/Treasurer of the Griswold Reunion
Post Office Box 161
Carbondale, PA 18407

CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER

Volume I, Number 2

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Alice Curtis Lund, CLINTON CENTER CHURCH ABOUT 1920, oil on canvas, painted in 1982. (Copy print by Donald W. Powell)

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CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY HISTORICAL PROGRAM GRISWOLD REUNION

The Clinton Center Pioneer Day Historical Program and the Griswold Reunion will take place on August 23, 1986. Welcome and Registration will begin at 11:30 A.M. At noon, a covered-dish cookout picnic will take place on the lawn of the Clinton Center Baptist Church. The Griswold Reunion Committee will provide hot dogs, hamburger and sausage for cooking over the open fire, and also freshly squeezed lemonade. The cost of these items will be shared. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. If, instead of a covered dish, you would like to bring something specific to go with this cookout picnic (rolls, potato chips, mustard, tomatoes, lettuce, mayonnaise, marshmallows, pickles), contact Donald W. Powell (282-5197).

At 1:00 P.M. an Historical Program will take place in the basement of the Clinton Center Baptist Church. At 1:30 P.M. the Griswold Reunion Annual Business Meeting will be held. Adjournment will be at 2:30 P.M.

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WHAT PIONEER DAY MEANS TO THE CLINTON CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH NOW

By Alice Curtis Lund

In years past, the Pioneer Day celebration meant a chance of a pleasant get together, a breaking-bread together sort of a day. It was held in the sanctuary of the Church, with prayer and singing hymns, then an historical account of one or another of the Pioneer families of Clinton. In those days, the Church had a much larger membership than we have today. Dinner was a sumptuous affair, each member given a slip of food to furnish. It was all good. As the congregation dwindled, some thought the undertaking of continuing the day was too much of a burden. To be sure, it was a lot of work.

So, it ceased to exist. Then when we celebrated our 150th Anniversary, we saw it was a good day, enjoyed by many. Robert Powell suggested that we bring the Pioneer Day yearly celebration back. Once the seed was planted, it needed to be nurtured, so with the help of the Powell boys, we did get it going. Frankly, the Church finances were in bad shape. We had lost so many members, one way or another, that there were no funds to keep the building in repair. Why not, we reasoned, make it some sort of a day of gifts of love for the maintenance of the building. We had no diagram of a course to follow, we did not have sufficient help to prepare and serve a dinner, for which we could set a donation price. So, the covered-dish meal with certain donations was adopted. It has worked well. The free-will offerings at the Historical Program have increased from year to year. As more folks are being made aware of the need for help, more are wanting to become a part of the crusade for the Church. The building was badly in need of repairs. There is no one to blame, we're only trying to get the job done. Our programs have gone from local families to the history of the county. The Griswold family is quite well covered in the Reunion. We tried to get the first repairs made where the need was the greatest. First to be done was the roof--one year's receipts were used for that. Then came the painting--work of another year. The windows were so badly in need of repair and paint, some had to be re-inforced with metal supports. Varnish on the floor inside was worn so thin as to endanger the wood itself, so it came next. A long needed turn-off of the water from the north basement wall came this year. None of these tasks was begun until we had the funds in hand to do them. None of the funds collected for repairs were used for any other purpose. There are still needs, eave troughs to turn the water away from the north wall yet to get done. Painting the basement still to be done. Many said it couldn't be done. We have something to show for our labors. Mistakes were made, of course, programs too long perhaps, etc., but we have tried. It is not easy to please everyone. We take pride in our part of what has been accomplished to date, and look forward to what is yet to do. I know many look forward to the Pioneer Day and the programs. The Clinton Center Baptist Church is kept up, and kept open to proclaim God's word. All of us working together made it happen.

Aldenville-Clinton Center
Baptist Churches
D. E. Anderson, Pastor
August 25, 1985

P-I-O-N-E-E-R D-A-Y

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE David Watkins

Call to Worship: "Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

* HYMN--"Praise Him! Praise Him!" #115
* Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Responsive Reading Selection 454
Silent and Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

MINISTRY IN GIVING

Offertory - Ushers
* Doxology and Prayer

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Special Music David Watkins
* HYMN--"Faith of Our Fathers" #19

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Sermon: "God Preparing a Pioneer Missionary"

* HYMN--"Now Thank We All Our God" #402
* Benediction
* Postlude

* Please stand

HISTORICAL PROGRAM
CLINTON CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
PIONEER DAY, AUGUST 25, 1985, 11:05 A. M.

Special Guest: DAVID R. WATKINS, Piano

Prologue: "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere"...David R. Watkins,
Piano/Vocal

Welcome..... Donald W. Powell, Master of Ceremonies

The Pioneer Settlers and Their Descendants....Donald W.
Powell

The CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD
REUNION NEWSLETTER..... S. Robert Powell

Music.....David R. Watkins, Piano/Vocal
"America"; "Statue of Liberty" (medley)

Historical Paper: "The Tanning of Leather"..Alice Curtis Lund

Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross".....David R. Watkins,
Piano/Vocal
(Congregation will please stand and sing)

Historical Paper: "The Legacy of the Pioneers"....S. Robert
Powell

Sense and Nonsense.....Alice Curtis Lund

Free-Will Offering (for the maintenance of the Church
building--use the white envelope that is inserted in
this program)

The Offering Plate used at today's service is the wooden
bowl that Mrs. Harriette Curtis Gardner painted about
1885. The Offering Plate will be passed by her daughters,
Edith A. Gardner and Gertrude Gardner Synder.

Offertory Music (instrumental)...David R. Watkins, Piano
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"; "Star-Spangled Banner"
Offertory Prayer.....Norman S. Lund

The Remainder of the Day.....Donald W. Powell

Music.....David R. Watkins,
Piano/Vocal
"I Don't Need to Understand"; "I Believe"; "Heaven";
"I Suppose"; "The Lord's Prayer"

Benediction.....Norman S. Lund

The Historical Program Committee: Alice and Norman Lund,
Donald W. Powell, S. Robert Powell

PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE:

A 7" X 9" black and white photograph of the painting
that is reproduced in a xerox copy on the front of
this program for the Historical Program today is
available for \$5.00. Proceeds from the sale of this
photograph will be added to the free-will offering
for the maintenance of the Church building. To ob-
tain a photograph, contact Donald W. Powell.

The following persons signed the Register during the
Historical Program which began at 11:05 A.M.:

Christina Mae Geuther (age 4 months), Shari A.
Geuther, Jeffrey A. Geuther, Wendy A. Geuther, Ruth Pazel,
Richard Pazel, Sidney Sanders, Esther Sanders, George Q.
Geuther, Matt Edwards, Jennifer Edwards, Barbara Dee Ed-
wards, Juletta Geuther, Gertrude McMillen, Donald McMillen,
Norman Lund, Alice Lund, Elma Sherwood, Lawrence Sherwood,
John R. Rude, Amy M. Rude, Margaret Remsen Rude, Beatrice
Bartholomay, Wendy Kille, Gloria Johnston, Mark Johnston,
Bonnie Geuther, Becky Geuther, Leeta Geuther, Crystel C.
Gummoe, Beulah C. Pazel, Martha Struble, Ann Tyler,
Eleanor Rude, Charles D. Curtis, Ray Jerron (?), Lois
Fitze, Ila Vanne, Virginia Bortree, George Quigley,
Georgette Quigley, Stephen Quigley, Susan Quigley, Elaine
Quigley, Richard Quigley, Beulah Gibson, Wyman Terrél,
Pastor Dwight E. Anderson, Mildred Anderson, David Watts,
Ann Louise Curtis, Francis H. Curtis, Bernice Dolan,
Stephen J. Gravalec, Doris Mead, Marjorie Gravalec, Mil-
dred Wright LaBarre, Mary Zollbrecht, Myrtle Curtis, Ron-
ald Curtis, Marjie Curtis, Doris Howell, Faith Curtis,
Ruth Curtis, Mary Curtis, Isabel Curtis, Eunice Hauenstein,
Verna C. Varcoe, Kenneth Bailey, Louella Giles Bailey,
Virginia Curtis, Carroll Curtis, Jeffrey Curtis, Nicholas
Buroff, Clara Buroff, Jane Shaffer, James Kille, Alfred
Shaffer, Rev. G. Fay Crossman, Mrs. G. Fay Crossman, David
R. Watkins, Linda Watkins, Danny Watkins, Becky Watkins,
Amy Watkins, Edith Gardner, Gertrude Snyder, Dorothy W.
Gardner, John R. Gardner, Holly A. Brown, Samuel M. Curtis,
Joan B. Curtis, Karen Curtis, Donald W. Powell, Jeffrey
J. Geuther and S. Robert Powell.

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By Donald W. Powell

Good morning and welcome to the ceremonies commemorating the 154th anniversary of the founding of the Clinton Center Baptist Church and the 79th annual meeting of the Griswold Reunion.

In 1831, this Church was founded. That was 154 years ago. In 1915, 70 years ago, nearly 400 descendants of those pioneers met and established the first Pioneer Day, on August 27, 1915. At that time they erected a monument in the cemetery across the road and on that monument affixed a plaque bearing the names of the pioneer settlers and the pioneer ministers of this Church and this community. As we convene this historical program this morning, I think it appropriate that we read the names of those pioneer settlers and pioneer ministers.

Before we do that, I think it interesting to call our attention to the patterns into which the history of the Pioneer Day celebrations have fallen.

THE PIONEER SETTLERS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

The pattern in our history.

Six distinct periods can be identified in the history of the Pioneer Day celebrations, and these periods can be characterized by whether or not celebrations were held.

1. The first period of no annual celebrations: Establishment of the church and community, 1831-1915

The first period in the history of the Pioneer Day celebrations we may call the period of establishment of the Church and the community. In this period, which extends from 1831, when the original settlers decided to establish a Church, until 1915, when the descendants of the original settlers decided to establish a Pioneer Day, there were no annual celebrations in the Church.

In those first 84 years--from the establishment of the Clinton Center Baptist Church (1831) until the institution of the celebration of Pioneer Day (1915)--the settlers were putting down their roots and establishing their individual lives, and simultaneously, a collective life for their community. We can easily understand why they in those first years after settlement did not hold annual celebrations: on the one hand it might have been felt that it would be premature to commemorate something which was still becoming fact, something which was still coming into being; on the other hand it may have been felt that no conscious celebration needed to be held because the fact that they were living and prospering was testimony enough to the fact that they existed. Perhaps we may say, in short, that they were too involved in living to take time out to commemorate that living.

2. The first period of annual celebrations, 1915-1942

The second period in the history of the Pioneer Day celebrations we may call 'the first period of annual celebrations.' In this period, which extends from 1915, when the annual Pioneer Day celebration was held for the first time, until 1942, when the annual Pioneer Day celebrations were suspended because of the approaching War, World War II, there was an annual Pioneer Day celebration in Clinton Township.

We know from newspaper accounts and from the minutes of the Pioneer Day celebrations that there was a Pioneer Day celebration each year in this period, with the possible exception of three years, 1917, 1919, and 1925. For those three years--1917, 1919, 1925--we do not have any primary sources, no direct evidence that a Pioneer Day celebration was held.

In this 27-year period--from the institution of the annual celebration, until its suspension because of the approaching War--the Church witnessed its 100th Anniversary, and the annual Pioneer Day celebration was characterized by great vitality, energy and pride. Large numbers of people attended the annual event and the historical programs were carefully planned and exhaustively researched.

3. The lapse after the War: 1942-1956

The third period in the history of the Pioneer Day celebrations we may call 'the lapse after the War.' In this period, which extends from 1942, when annual celebrations were suspended because of the on-coming War, until 1965, when the Church celebrated its 125th anniversary, no annual celebrations were held.

We may readily understand how in that period of time right after the War the great physical and mental wound inflicted on life by the war required time to heal. Everyday life and particularly community life, community celebrations, could not take place again until everyday

life had once again begun to prosper. And too, we may readily understand how in the landmark year, the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Church, the Church and community decided to commemorate the anniversary with the holding of a community-wide 'pioneer day' celebration.

4. The 125th anniversary of the founding of the Church: 1956

The fourth period in the history of the Pioneer Day celebrations we may call the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Church, in 1956. The arrival at the landmark year of the 125th anniversary was felt to be sufficiently important to reactivate the old celebrations.

5. The third period of no annual celebrations: the 25 years between the celebration of the 125th anniversary and the celebration of the 150th anniversary: 1956-1981

The fifth period in the history of the Pioneer Day celebrations we may call the 25-year period between the anniversary celebration in 1956--the 125th anniversary--and the 150th anniversary celebration, in 1981. In this 25-year period, no annual celebrations were held.

We may speculate on the reasons why no celebrations were held. Perhaps the majority of the Clintonians felt that an annual celebration of the community's roots was unnecessary, and that celebrations of only the big years, the landmark years--the 125th, 150th, and so forth--were sufficient. Perhaps during these years there were no leaders, no organizers, with the time and energy to devote in order to organize and carry out such celebrations. Perhaps during these years it was felt by the members of the Clinton Center Baptist Church that there was nothing to celebrate. A perpetually diminishing congregation in a community and a world wherein religion began to loose ground, and a perpetually diminishing sense of community vitality in Clinton Township may have left the Church and the community unable to muster the strength, energy and courage to hold an annual celebration.

6. The sixth period of annual celebrations: 1981-1985

The sixth period in the history of the Pioneer Day celebrations we may call the second period of annual celebrations. In this period, which extends from 1981, when the 150th anniversary of the Church resulted in a Pioneer Day celebration, until the present day, August 25, 1985, a Pioneer Day celebration has been held annually.

For the last five years, from 1981 until today, we have met annually. For the first three years of this period--1981, 1982, 1983--the Clinton Center Pioneer Day celebration was celebrated just as it had always been celebrated--as a celebration in its own right. For the last two years, 1984 and this year, the Pioneer Day celebration has been held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Griswold Reunion. Although both the Pioneer Day program and the Griswold Reunion business meeting and program have been held separately, as they always have been, they have been linked together as part of the same day-long celebration. Both organizations have benefited from the combined resources and energy.

In closing, then, we may summarize the six periods in the history of the celebration of Pioneer Day in this way:

After an initial period of 84 years during which the Church and the community were putting down their roots and held no annual celebration, we have a second period, of 27 years in length, in which celebrations were held annually. This was followed by a third period of no celebrations, the 14 years during and after World War II. The 125th anniversary celebration in 1956 constitutes the fourth period. The fifth period is the third period of no annual celebrations, the 25 years between the 125th anniversary in 1956 and the 150th anniversary in 1981. The sixth and final period brings us to the present time, the second period of annual celebrations, from 1981 to 1985.

It is my hope that as we convene the fifth consecutive meeting of the Pioneer Day in this present period, the second period of annual celebrations, that we can with our interest and energy sustain the life of this celebration so that we can continue it for many years, and perhaps surpass the time record of the first period of annual celebrations, from 1915 until 1942, a period of 27 years. I know that I and many of us here today will crawl in here on our hands and knees or with canes and wheelchairs and keep this Church going as long as we are physically and mentally able, and I'm sure that many of you feel that way also, and will take an active part in keeping the Pioneer Day celebration alive.

The names of the settlers and ministers mentioned on the bronze plaque on the conglomerate stone across the road at the entrance of the Cemetery are known to many of us. Many of these settlers and ministers are our direct ancestors. To conclude my opening remarks I would like to read the inscription on the 6-ton conglomerate stone that was dug out of the mountain West of the Cemetery and erected on a concrete base in 1915 when approximately 400 Clintonians and friends gathered here on August 27th, and convened the first Pioneer Day. The inscription on the bronze plaque on the conglomerate stone across the road at the entrance to the Cemetery reads:

"In memory of the early settlers of this township and the founders and ministers of the Clinton Baptist Church

Norton	Rev. Elijah Peck
Grennell	Rev. John Smitzer
North	Rev. Horace Jones
West	Rev. Chas. H. Hubbard
Gaylord	Rev. Alex Smith
Griswold	Rev. Charles A. Fox
Peck	Rev. Henry Curtis
McMullen	Rev. Geo. V. Walling
Loomis	Rev. Joseph Curren
Ledyard	Rev. James Spencer
Bunting	Rev. D. P. Purdon
Saunders	Rev. B. B. Bunting
Davenport	Rev. J. R. Remsen
Arnold	Rev. James Rainey

Erected in 1915."

CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER

S. Robert Powell presented to the persons gathered in the Clinton Center Baptist Church for the Historical Program at 11:05 A.M. the first issue, Volume I, Number 1, August 25, 1985, of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER. SRP reported that 250 copies of this six-page NEWSLETTER were printed and that 204 were mailed to all persons on the mailing list in August 1985. Additional copies were distributed by SRP during the Historical Program.

The 1985 NEWSLETTER is printed on six 11" X 17" pages and is divided into four sections:

- I. The Brudos Tea Party, August 20, 1984
- II. Combined Service, Aldenville-Clinton Center Baptist Church, August 26, 1984, 10:30 A.M.
- III. Historical Program, Clinton Center Baptist Church, August 26, 1984, 1:30 P.M.
- IV. Griswold Reunion, 78th Annual Business Meeting, August 26, 1984

THE TANNING OF LEATHER

By Alice Curtis Lund

Tanning leather was one of the first needs of a new colonial community. In 1840, in the United States, at this time there were only 26 states in the Union, there were over 8,000 tanneries. The first tannery in Wayne County was at Cherry Ridge, owned by Daniel Davis. The year was 1800, the business consisted of one vat. Due to a large supply of tanning woods, black and rock oak and hemlock were used mostly. Wayne County was well blessed with virgin forests of the trees needed, so we had many tanneries. The great trees were cut, stripped of bark and left to rot, with no thought where a later supply would be found. In 1869, there were 19 tanneries in the county, grossing over \$2,000,000. To name a few, at Pleasant Mount where the Fish Hatchery now stands, Starrucca, Honesdale on Tryon Street, run by Sam Saunders, Bunnell's Pond, Seelyville, this one is said to be the largest in Pennsylvania. The Clemo tannery, the largest in the world. The one at Aldenville, built in 1849-1850 and closed in 1882, was the largest sole leather tannery in Pennsylvania. Others were located at Tanners Falls, Ledgesdale, Carley Brook, Milanville. Dozens of leather items were in demand--shoes, aprons, harness, saddles, bridles, buggy tops, gloves, belting, leather breeches, bellows, book bindings, etc. Tanneries were slow to use power-driven machinery, though flour mills, up and down sawmills, iron foundries, and others were using water power. Hides were in plentiful supply, both domestic and shipped in from South America. Pittsburgh originated "patent leather," the first of this type in 1826, varnish being used for the shine.

Hides had to be washed first, taking about thirty hours, then the longer task of soaking, scraping and removing the hair, in some instances this part took up to a year. Hides were soaked in lime in wooden or masonry vats to loosen the hair, then drawn from the vats, washed and placed over a round beaming horse to be scrapped and the hair to be rubbed off, and any fleshy parts taken off that were not part of the hide. A special stone like a whetstone was now used to give the hair side of the hide a vigorous rubbing, care had to be used to keep the hide a uniform thickness. Several washings were done as the work went along. As lime was mildly harmful to the hide, it had to be completely removed. To aid in keeping the hides pliable, they were soaked in a mixture of chicken manure, salt and water. Needless to say, a tannery was not a choice neighbor, it was a smelly business, but this mixture made the leather softer and receptive to oils and dyes. After more washings in soft water the hides were ready to be put in the tanning vats. Before the tan bark is ready for the vats, it was put through a horse powered shredder. Hides were placed in the vats with twice their weight of tanbark and at least 12 gallons of water. Hides had to be shifted to expose them to equal amounts of tannin. A top grade of leather required twelve to eighteen months of curing. One hundred pounds of hides would yield 52 to 56 pounds of durable leather. After the tanning process, the hides were cleaned again with water, then squared and rubbed with a mixture of codfish oil and tallow for flexibility and water resistance.

A tannery finishing two or three thousand hides in a year was a booming business. Three thousand hides required 350 cords of tanbark. It was thought the supply was inexhaustible, but it was the scarcity of tanbark that put many tanneries out of business.

I can remember a few loads of hemlock bark being shipped by freight, I believe to a tannery in central Pennsylvania.

Life was not easy for these pioneer ancestors of ours, but they did what had to be done, they didn't have too much time to complain, as we are wont to do.

THE LEGACY OF THE PIONEERS

By S. Robert Powell

When the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township came here, over 175 years ago, they brought with them objects that were fundamentally utilitarian in nature--cooking utensils, farm implements, household furnishings, and so on. Some of those physical objects that they brought with them have survived and have come down to us today, and those artifacts have become the treasured heirlooms of the descendants of the pioneers, and such tangible mementos connect us, in some measure, to the pioneer settlers and their world.

But such physical artifacts--a chest of drawers, a quilt, a cooking utensil, a farm implement, or what have you--which were brought with the pioneers when they came into this township from New England, and which have come down to us, were by no means the most important items that belonged to the pioneers. Granted such tangible and utilitarian objects made it possible for the pioneers to establish themselves in what was then the wilderness of Wayne County, granted such objects made possible life in a physical sense. No, such tangible and utilitarian objects were not the most important possessions of the pioneers when they arrived in Clinton Township; no, such tangible and utilitarian objects are not the most important remains of the pioneer world that have come down to us.

The most important components in the ox carts of the pioneers when they arrived here, the most important components in the houses and in the barns and in the workshops of the pioneer settlers in Clinton Township were the intangibles which they brought with them here from New England and which they bequeathed to their children and their children's children and which have come down to us. What are those intangibles? They are, among other things, their beliefs.

And what did the pioneer settlers of this township believe in? What were their beliefs?

They believed, first of all, in God, and the strength of their belief was such that they cleared the wilderness and erected houses of worship in which they might worship God. This very church where we are met this morning, the Clinton Center Baptist Church, established 154 years ago, on November 10, 1831, on land given to the Church by Erastus and Mehitabel Loomis, was one of the earliest manifestations in this township of the belief in God of the pioneer settlers and their belief that God held an important position in the community. To give you an idea of just how old the Clinton Center Baptist Church is,

know that in 1831, the year in which this Church was established, Andrew Jackson was the president of the United States. Two former presidents of the United States, James Madison and John Quincy Adams were still alive. Only five years before the establishment of this Church, the Erie Canal was opened between Buffalo and Albany. Only three years before the establishment of the Clinton Center Baptist Church did Noah Webster first publish the American Dictionary of the English Language. In the year in which this Church was established, 1831, Nathaniel Hawthorne was 27, Abraham Lincoln was 22, Victoria Alexandrina (later Queen Victoria) was 12. Not until 30 years after the Clinton Center Baptist Church was established did the American Civil War break out. This "Little Church in the Wildwood" is indeed a grand and venerable institution, and the records of the Church indicate clearly just how important this Church was in the pioneer community, not just on Sunday morning, but throughout the week. The community regularly and faithfully attended church services twice on Sunday as well as prayer meetings and other such divine services in the course of the week. Only rarely was there an empty pew on the main floor, the Sunday Schools were filled to capacity. Yes, the pioneer settlers of this township believed in God and believed that religion occupied a prominent place in the life of the community.

Secondly, the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township believed in themselves and in their future, and the strength of their belief was such that they, in the face of awesome obstacles and difficulties, cleared the land, built houses and barns, and established farms and orchards. John and Elizabeth Griswold, for example, came here in the Fall of 1813 and established themselves on a farm at the foot of the Moosic Mountain, up behind the present Grange Hall on the North and South. These farms and orchards, as well as the lumber mills and grist mills and other industries that the pioneers established--such as the tanneries that Alice has described for us today--were the life-sustaining units of the pioneer world. And the pride of the pioneers in what they had created was such that their farms and orchards and mills and tanneries were the envy of their contemporaries far and near. And the pride of the pioneers in what they had created was such that they and their children and their children's children were blessed many fold in the bounty of the earth that was returned unto them for their efforts.

The pioneer settlers of this township believed, thirdly, in the human mind and its strengths and capabilities, and the strength of their belief was such that they established schools, such as the one in Curtis Valley, for example, and the Farno School that was established just out here across the stream from the Church, in which their children might learn not only to discipline their minds but also to open their minds to the beauty of the creations of the human mind. And this education was carried out under the direction of some of the finest teachers--educators, in the true sense of the term--who, by their thoughts, actions and deeds, transmitted to their students not only book learning but also living examples of education. Such teachers provided their students with the tools necessary to those students so that they, the students, might independently explore and know, both in a literal and in a figurative sense, the world. Such teachers of the first order knew, and made every effort to make known to their students, that to be perfectly educated is to be, above all else, tolerant. The children of such schools were, therefore, equipped with the tools and ethical machinery necessary to become the responsible adults of the community. The children of such schools were, therefore, equipped to make learning a life-long process, having learned, from their teachers, that when learning stops, that life itself is no longer possible.

Fourthly, the pioneer settlers of this township believed in the earth and the possibilities and potentialities of the earth, and the strength of their belief was such that they were sustained, emotionally and physically, in good times and bad, by the earth. They respected and loved the earth, just as they respected and loved each other, and because they believed in this land and because they loved this land, many of the secrets of the earth were known to them, and knowing those secrets, they were gentle, and knowing those secrets, life for them was joyful. The pioneer settlers knew well, as some people in the late twentieth century do not, that if the earth is not abused and maligned, that the earth will not betray man, that the earth will annually pour forth its bounty, that the earth will be generous.

Such are four of the intangibles, among others, that were with the pioneer settlers in their ox carts and wagons when they arrived here in Clinton Township--a belief in God, a belief in themselves and in their future, a belief in the human mind and its strengths and potentialities, and a belief in the earth. Those four intan-

gibles, those four beliefs, among others, are what kept the pioneers alive in the frequently rough times of 175 years ago; those four beliefs are the substance of pioneer America, those four beliefs are the precious legacy that the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township bequeathed to their children and their children's children. Those beliefs were passed, untarnished and undiminished, from one generation to the next, and because they were, the lives of the pioneers and of their children and of their children's children made sense, and the lives of the pioneers and of their children and of their children's children made sense, and the lives of the pioneers and of their children and of their children's children had meaning, and the lives of the pioneers and of their children and of their children's children had beauty. The very fact that we are here gathered today tells a great deal about our relationship to and understanding of not only the pioneers themselves but also of those four primary beliefs of the pioneers. The very fact that we are here met today is testimony to the fact that we, like the pioneers, believe in God, that we, like the pioneers, believe in ourselves and in our future, that we, like the pioneers, believe in the human mind and its strengths and potentialities, that we, like the pioneers, belief in the earth. Without such beliefs, the pioneers could not have made it. Without such beliefs, we can not make it. With such beliefs, our ancestors who came here in ox carts and on foot and on horseback were able to here, in Clinton Township, create for themselves lives that were rich in beauty and meaning and which made sense. With such beliefs we, their descendants, can guarantee that our lives, wherever we may go, whatever we do, are rich in beauty and meaning and make sense, and that the lives of those who come after us are rich in beauty and meaning and make sense.

Such is the precious legacy of the pioneers to us. It is that legacy that has brought us here together today and which will bring us together again next year at this time to commemorate the anniversary of the establishment of this church, and which will bring us together here at this season annually again and again. Such is a legacy that can not be taken away from us against our will. That legacy, however, can be diminished if we are lazy and if we allow it to be diminished. But we, like the pioneers themselves, are fighters. But we, like the pioneers themselves, are not willing to allow what is precious to us to be diminished in any way, by any one. But we, like the pioneer settlers of this township, are committed to a belief in God, a belief in ourselves and in our future, a belief in the human mind, a belief in the earth. We know that those beliefs worked for the pioneers and we know that they work for ourselves and we know that they can work for those who come after us. As such, we shall not allow them to be diminished, as such we shall not allow them to die. Like the pioneers, we shall here, upon this soil, take a stand, and because we shall, we shall come to be known as those pioneers who, in the late twentieth century, here took a stand for God, for ourselves and our future, for the human mind, for the earth.

Thank you. (written down on 08-10-1985)

SENSE AND NONSENSE

By Alice Curtis Lund

Our character is but the stamp on our souls of the free choices of good and evil we have made through life.

What the heart has once owned and had, it shall never lose.

Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest of all, "It might have been."

It is easy to pick out the best people. They will help you do it.

We like a man that comes out and says what he thinks--when he agrees with us.

There is only one man living that can make a man of you--that's you.

All the Constitution guarantees is the pursuit of happiness. You have to catch up with it yourself.

When you see a married couple coming down the street, the one that is two or three steps ahead is the one that's mad.

The law gives the pedestrian the right of way, but makes no provision for flowers.

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone to do it.

The two most important muscles that operate without the direction of the brain are the heart and the tongue.

Anything you tell a woman, goes in one ear, and over the back fence.

Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.

A friend forgives your defects, and if he is fond of you, he doesn't see any.

We used to marry for better or worse. Now it's for more or less.

A good speech has a good beginning and a good ending, both of which are kept close together.

Man is an able creature, but he has made 32,600,000 laws and hasn't yet improved on the Ten Commandments.

Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get.

Some so-called open minds should be closed for repairs.

Some are bent with toil, and some get crooked trying to avoid it.

Conscience--the sixth sense that comes to our aid when we are doing wrong and tells us we are about to be caught.

Gathered by Alice Curtis Lund

CURTIS VALLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

On August 12, 1985, Verna Curtis Varcoe wrote the following letter to Alice Curtis Lund:

Dear Alice:

You know the Curtis Valley Sunday School have sold their building built in 1955-57, as there were too few left to carry it on successfully. The Trustees are giving the money received from the building (less expenses) for missionary and other Christian work.

Enclosed find check for One Hundred Dollars, (\$100.00) from the Trustees of the Curtis Valley Sunday School to the Clinton Center Baptist Church to help fix the foundation of the church building.

I am sending this to you to add to the fund for Pioneer Day this year, which I understand is to be for fixing the foundation.

Hope your efforts are successful in this project. I will try to attend, if I can; but wanted to make sure the money was there.

Sincerely your cousin,

Verna C. Varcoe

P.S. You might like to know that the C.V.S.S. sent a nice sum to Kodiak, Alaska, in memory of Aunt Augusta G. Curtis, who went there as a teacher in 1904.

V.C.V.

NARCISSUS BULBS PLANTED IN CLINTON CENTER CEMETERY

On October 5, 1985, 40 narcissus bulbs were planted in Clinton Center Cemetery, by S. Robert Powell, Donald Walter Powell and Holly Ann Brown. These bulbs were planted at the three conglomerate monuments and around selected Loomis and Squire graves. Specifically:



1. Settlers and Ministers conglomerate--21 bulbs
2. John Griswold - Elizabeth Crittenden conglomerate--2 bulbs
3. Michael Grennell - Susannah Balcom conglomerate--2 bulbs
4. Theron Orsemus Loomis - Mary Emma Squire stone--2 bulbs
5. Grennell - Squire stones: two bulbs were planted between each of the stones in this line of stones: Rufus Grenell, Anna Grenell, Beulah Grenell, Horace Squire, Willis Squire, Ruth

The specific name of these narcissi is OLD PHEASANT'S EYE. They are one of two species of narcissi in the narcissus family called POETICUS NARCISSI.

POETICUS NARCISSI is a family of narcissi which have snow-white, very large petals, with small shallow cups of contrasting colors, and which are very fragrant. The POETICUS NARCISSI is described in the catalogue of John T. Scheepers, Inc. Flower Bulb Specialists as "one of the oldest narcissi in cultivation. It was already grown during the Middle Ages and still thrives around old castles and monasteries throughout Europe. As a native of the Mediterranean countries and some parts of North Africa, it spread northwards most likely through human interference. It was the first Narcissus to be described by Linnaeus and its graceful appearance, unusual coloring and fragrance have enchanted men throughout history." The Fall 1984 catalogue of White Flower Farm, Litchfield, Conn., says of the POETICUS NARCISSUS: "Reminds one of childhood and fresh spring rains."

OLD PHEASANT'S EYE grows to a height of 16" and is the latest of the Poeticus Narcissi to come into flower. It has a pure white perianth, framing a small flattened yellow eye, edged fiery red-orange, centered green. It is extremely hardy and is therefore one of the best Narcissi for naturalizing.

79th ANNUAL GRISWOLD REUNION, Sunday, August 25, 1985

Program

The program of the Griswold Reunion was the last of a series of events on Sunday, August 25, 1985. The day began with a good many Griswolds attending the regular 10:00 A.M. Sunday morning worship service in the sanctuary of the Clinton Center Baptist Church. Following that service, at 11:05 A.M., the historical program of Pioneer Day was held in the same sanctuary. Following the Pioneer Day program a great many of those who had attended the two programs adjourned to the Church basement for a splendid covered dish dinner. Following that dinner, the Griswold Reunion was convened in the Church basement at 2:00 P.M.

I. Call to order.....John R. Rude, President

II. Opening prayer.....Margaret Rude

III. Introductions

Everyone present stood and gave their name. This went quickly and smoothly and pleasantly, and it gave everyone a chance to get acquainted with some unfamiliar faces.

The following persons signed the register at the 79th Griswold Reunion on August 25, 1985:

Donald W. Powell, John R. Rude, John R. Gardner, S. Robert Powell, Georgette Quigley, Ann Tyler, Eleanor Rude, Dorothy W. Gardner, Edith Gardner, Margaret Rude, Stephen J. Gravalec, Gertrude Snyder, Elaine Quigley, Stephen Quigley, Susan Quigley, Richard Quigley, George Quigley, Virginia Curtis, Carroll Curtis, Jeffrey Curtis, Samuel M. Curtis, Francis Curtis III, Ann Louise Curtis, Mildred Wright LaBarre, Becky Mead Geuther, Bonnie Geuther, Marjorie M. Gravalec, Doris Mead, Verla C. Arnold, Myrtle Curtis, Jane Shaffer, James Kille, Wendy Kille, Alfred Shaffer, Mary Zollbrecht, Gloria Johnston, Mark Johnston, Faith Stranad, Beulah Pazel, Crystel Gummo, Leeta Geuther, Beatrice Bartholomay, Alice Lund, Verna C. Varcoe, Eunice Hauenstein, Amy Rude, Holly A. Brown, Norman S. Lund, Charles D. Curtis, Doris Howell, Faith Curtis, Elizabeth Jones, Florence Robinson, Harold Jones, Iva Robinson, and Laura Rude.

IV. Superlatives.....John Rude

Youngest. Stephen Quigley (3 years old)
Oldest. Norman S. Lund (89 years old)
Farthest dsitance travelled. . Jeffrey Curtis
R. D. 2, Box 1
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Jeff travelled 200 miles and he described Bridgeton in this way: "down where the mosquitoes are the state bird."

Most from a single household. . George Quigley family
(George, Elaine, Stephen, Susan, Georgette, Richard)

Most Reunions attended, and when:
Verna Curtis (age 8) and Beatrice Curtis (age 3)
were both present at the March 22, 1906 meeting
at which the Griswold Reunion was established.

V. Presentation of Historical Pictures. . Crystel Gummoe

- 1. Black and white snapshot of the 1907 Griswold Reunion, showing four little girls in bunny rabbit outfits. The little girls are: Beatrice Bartholomay, Crystel Gummoe, Verna Treat, Juanita Treat.
- 2. Black and white snapshot of 6 teen-aged girls, one of whom is Gertrude Gardner Snyder (all six are identified on the snapshot).

VI. Presentation of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER. . . . S. Robert Powell

Two hundred and four copies of the 1985 NEWSLETTER were mailed out by the Corresponding Secretary to those persons on the mailing list on July 30, 1985. The geographical distribution of the mailing is as follows: 21 Carbondale,

60 out of Pennsylvania, 21 Waymart, 7 Forest City, 38 Honesdale, 57 mixed Pennsylvania. In addition, one copy was mailed via surface mail (boat) to Audrey Schaffer and her family in Norway.

Every effort is made to keep all members of the Reunion up to date on the Reunions. If you know of someone who is not on the mailing list who should be, speak with the Corresponding Secretary and he will add the name in question to the list. If you are not sure if someone is on the mailing list, ask the Corresponding Secretary and he will tell you.

VII. Presentation of the Minutes of the 78th Annual Griswold Reunion. . . . Donald W. Powell

Donald reported that the Minutes of the 78th Annual Griswold Reunion are published in Volume I, Number 1 of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER.

VIII. Report of the Treasurer..... Donald W. Powell

STATEMENT AS OF 18 FEBRUARY 1986

Balance in Treasury as of 30 July 1985..... \$ 46.25

RECEIPTS (from 30 July 1985 to 18 February 1986)

A. Griswold Reunion collections, August 25, 1985			
1. Cash collection (56 persons signed attendance book).....	\$ 85.84		
2. Contribution from Clinton Center Pioneer Day free-will offering to Griswold Reunion for printing and mailing expenses for CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER, Volume I, Number 1.....	80.00		
3. Checks from mailers from those who could not attend Reunion (Esther Patey Forsberg, Claude W. Manaton, Fred and Dorothy Olver, Gerald and Marjorie Cook, Marjorie Walker, Minna Blair, Louise C. McCue, Henry and Althea Neutts, Gertrude Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stiles).....	94.00		
B. Receipts since GR 79 (August 25, 1985)			
4. Interest on savings account (balance on 30 September 1985, \$200.34).....	1.28		
5. Checks from mailers (Esther Patey Forsberg, Esther Griswold).....	15.00	\$276.12	
			\$322.37

EXPENSES (from 30 July 1985 to 18 February 1986)

A. Bills submitted at GR 79 (August 25, 1985)			
1. Annual membership dues for The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc. (\$10.00) and purchase of "Our Griswold Family in England Before 1639" (\$2.75): paid on 8 April 1985 by DWP.....	12.75		
2. Table expenses for August 25, 1985 (cool aid, plates cups, napkins): paid by Mildred LaBarre.....	9.66		
3. Remainder of bill for printing the CCPD/GR NEWSLETTER, Volume I, Number 1 (\$100.00 paid to SRP on July 30, 1985, for the first part of expenses on same), and \$5.00 to SRP for cash paid to Treasury by Verla Arnold for Griswold descendant list.....	83.84		
			\$105.75
B. Expenses since GR 79 (August 25, 1985)			
4. SRP, postage for thank you letters and post cards following Reunion (15 letters, \$3.30; 12 post cards, \$1.68): paid by SRP, 08-30-85.....	4.98		
5. DWP, membership dues for The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc.: paid by DWP, 01-27-86.....	10.00		
6. SRP, postage for mailing out 7 copies of complete Griswold descendant list: paid by SRP, 02-12-86.....	7.33		
		\$ 22.31	\$128.06

Balance in Treasury as of 18 February 1986..... \$194.31

IX. Election of Officers..... John R. Rude.

Following nominations, the following people were elected for a two-year term. They are, therefore, the officers for 1986 and 1987:

President..... Francis Curtis III
Vice President..... John R. Rude
Secretary-Treasurer..... Donald W. Powell
Corresponding Secretary/
Historian..... S. Robert Powell
Program Chairman..... Bernice Dolan
Table Committee..... Elizabeth Jones
Eleanor Rude
Ann Tyler

X. Report of the Secretary.....Donald W. Powell

1. The Clinton Griswolds have joined the national association, The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc. The annual membership dues are \$10.00

2. "Our Griswold Family in England Before 1639," a publication available through the GFA, was purchased by DWP for the Clinton GR (cost \$2.75) and passed along the tables for inspection by the membership.

3. A copy of a 'genealogy' by Beatrice Bayley was passed by DWP. Recently, Beatrice Bayley advertized in many local and regional papers that she would prepare and sell the genealogy of virtually every family in the region. DWP bought her PR and ordered a copy concerning the Powell family. Since many of the Griswolds had heard of such ready-made genealogies, DWP thought it would be informative to pass the one he had received.

4. Olvers on bus trip. Dorothy and Fred Olver were unable to attend the Reunion in 1985 because, as they explained in their letter to DWP of August 20, 1985, of their bus trip to California. Dorothy and Fred sent their greetings to all and hope to see everyone at the 1986 Reunion. Thanks to Dorothy and Fred for their donation to the collection in 1985. Perhaps the Olvers will tell the Reunion all about their bus trip at the 1986 Reunion?

5. Gerry and Marjorie Cook. On August 14, 1985, Marjorie and Gerry Cook wrote DWP and expressed their regrets at not being able to attend the 1985 Reunion. In their letter to DWP they state, in part: "We will be thinking about all of you on 25 August. Enclosed please find a check to help defray expenses and for keeping people informed, etc. We appreciate all that you have done and are doing. Thank you."

6. Claude W. Manaton reports on the English Griswolds.

Together with his completed 1985 Griswold questionnaire, Claude W. Manaton enclosed a letter to Donald W. Powell, in which he reported:

"I recently returned from Salt Lake City, Utah, where I spend additional time pursuing records and have obtained a copy of the extractions from the parish records for Warwick County, England, containing the Griswold information since the year 1465. Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets can be reconstructed from this information and if you are interested I'd be more than willing to send you a copy of the information.

At the same time, I am persuing my Wayne County ancestors and have run into a problem tracing the collateral lines of my paternal grandmother who was Alice Eade, married to Edward J. Manaton, and my paternal great grandmother, Catherine Bunting, who was married to William Pascoe Manaton...

As an amateur genealogist, I have been thrilled with the information I received on the Griswold line and want to thank you for your continued efforts.

Incidentally, your appeal for funds on page 6 of the Newsletter has not gone unnoticed. I am enclosing a check as a donation to the Griswold Reunion.

Thanks again for your devotion to and continued support of the Griswold Reunion. I am hoping that my wife and I can attend in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Claude W. Manaton"

On August 29, 1985, S. Robert Powell wrote to Claude W. Manaton and thanked him for his generous donation to the Griswold Reunion and for returning the 1985 Reunion Questionnaire. In his letter, SRP stated, in part: "Yes,

we would very much like to have a copy of the extractions from the parish records for Warwick County, England, containing the Griswold information since 1465."

On September 20, 1985, Claude W. Manaton sent to DWP the parish records for Warwick County, England, containing the Griswold information since the year 1465. Thank you, Claude Manaton, for contributing this important European information to the archive of information that we have on the Griswolds.

These important records are in the holdings of the Secretary of the Reunion, and are available to anyone who would like to consult them.

7. Louise McKnight.

On November 2, 1985, Esther Griswold wrote to the Secretary of the Griswold Reunion and requested information on Louise McKnight. Esther Griswold wrote:

"I have been trying for years to find some information about my ancestor, Louise/a McKnight, wife of Horace Griswold. So far, I have been unable to find out anything about her. I have been able to get considerable information about the Crittendens--wife of our ancestor, John Griswold--but I still want to find something about Louise McKnight.

Louise McKnight Griswold died in 1866 and is buried in the Clinton Church Baptist Cemetery. Do you know how I might find some information about her? I had hoped that there might be an obituary in the Honesdale paper; but, if there is, I have not been able to get it...

If you know how I might get some information about Louise McKnight Griswold, I will appreciate the information. I have visited her grave but would like to find out something about her--parents, brothers and sisters, etc. From the Federal Census, I find that she was born in MA."

On January 27, 1986, on behalf of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion, DWP wrote to Esther Griswold and thanked her for her donation to the 1985 collection, and stated: "We do not have any information on Louise McKnight, nor can we suggest where you might get some. If something should turn up, you can be sure that we will get that information to you."

On February 16, 1986, S. Robert Powell wrote to Esther Griswold and suggested that she fill out a "Research Coordination Registration" form from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and file it with their Family Registry, Genealogy Department. SRP enclosed a partially-filled out form on Louise/a A. McKnight. In his letter, SRP stated, in part: "Perhaps if you file this form, you will be put in contact with someone else who is working on the McKnight family? I have filed some of these 'Research Coordination Registration' forms on various of my ancestors. Shortly after filing the forms, I received letters from researchers across the country who are working on the same ancestral lines. Very encouraging. It may work for you. I hope so."

8. Esther Forsberg's letter.

Together with her completed 1985 Griswold Reunion questionnaire and a generous donation to the 1985 collection, Esther Forsberg sent the following letter to DWP on August 14, 1985:

"Although I have never been able to attend one of the Griswold reunions, I do appreciate receiving the reports.

Harry and I attended our daughter Geraldine's graduation at New York University in June, which was enjoyable for all of us. She is now looking into Ph.D. programs on the East Coast and West Coast.

I would sure love to meet my relatives and hope to attend the reunion some time. Mother, Amanda Curtis Patey, and I visited her home place in 1938 and stayed with Aunt Harriet and Uncle Milo, and Edith. I never knew I had so many cousins.

If any one comes out West, we live about 100 miles North of Spokane on Lake Roosevelt. All are welcome.

Yours,

Esther Forsberg"

9. Gertrude Loomis Schaffer's letter.

Together with her completed 1985 Griswold Reunion

questionnaire and a generous donation to the 1985 collection, Gertrude Loomis Schaffer sent the following letter to DWP on August 14, 1985:

"Cousin Donald:

It is doubtful if Henry and I and our daughter's family will be attending the Reunion because of the serious illness of my husband, Henry Schaffer. Since December, he has spent much time at Robert Packer Hospital at Sayre, Pa. It started as a slight stroke--carotid surgery, blood clot (embolism), renal (kidney) failure, amputation of six toes, bypass surgery--both legs--a total of eight trips to surgery, which included a chute for hemodialysis in case of emergency and one for continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis. An exchange of dextrose solution and medication in the belly. This all seems to overshadow the diabetes he has had for some time. Right now he is having much pain between his hip and knee. He is being cared for by daughter Carol, and I am going and coming between our farm and Tunkhannock and assisting her.

There is also a sad spot in our heart over the death of my brother. He had a kind heart.

I ordered picture of 1983 Reunion--one of the Reunion--2 of the Curtis family and 2 of the Curtis Cousins, which I paid for & Carol ordered and I think paid for one of the Reunion. Last year we weren't feeling that well and did not come.

I have pleasant memories of the Griswold Reunion of my youth. For many years it was almost all the Curtis Cousins who kept it going. I remember Mark Griswold--everyone was so excited when we heard: "Here comes Mark!" I named one of my sons James Mark, it was his sister Gertrude for whom my Dad named me. She died before I remember. Aunt Augusta Curtis had Gertrude for a middle name. Unfortunately the Clinton Griswolds had four generations of just one son: Fred, Vance, John, and his son Charles, who lives out West. It's a nice crowd. With you, I'm proud to look back.

I enclose postage, best wishes and many thanks for expressions of sympathy and get well cards and prayers.

Cousin,

Gertrude Loomis Schaffer"

XI. Report of the Corresponding Secretary/Historian..... S. Robert Powell

SRP reported that he had arranged for the publication of announcements of the Griswold Reunion in three area newspapers in August 1985:

--"Pioneer Day at Clinton Church," + photo by DWP of Alice Lund's painting of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, THE FOREST CITY NEWS, 08-08-1985, p. 8;

--"Clinton Center to mark anniversary," + photo by DWP of Alice Lund's painting of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, THE CARBONDALE NEWS, 08-14-1985, p. 10;

--"Clinton Twp. celebrations to be held," + photo by DWP of Alice Lund's painting of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT, Saturday/Sunday, 08-17/18-85, p. 9A.

In addition to arranging for the publication of these notices of the 1985 Griswold Reunion, SRP sent announcements of the Reunion to all persons on the mailing list, and enclosed for each Griswold a "1985 Griswold Questionnaire."

In 1985, the following persons returned the questionnaires (with news about births, marriages and deaths) or wrote letters to the Secretary or Corresponding Secretary, and thereby helped to update and correct the official list of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden for 1985 (names are listed in no particular order): Mary Zollbrecht, Gertrude Snyder, Edith Gardner, S. Robert Powell, Donald W. Powell, Crystel Gummoe, Jane Kille, Elaine Quigley, Carroll and Virginia Curtis, Verla C. Arnold, Laura Rude, Leeta Geuther, Samuel M. Curtis, Margaret Rude, Douglas S. Blair, Claude W. Manaton, Fred Olver, Gerald and Marjorie Cook, Marjorie Norton Walker, Minna Blair, Louise C. McCue, Henry and Althea Neutts, Gertrude Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stiles, Marge Treat, Clarissa Sheehan, Esther Forsberg, and Jeffrey Curtis.

Special thanks to Clarissa Sheehan and Verla C. Arnold for their extensive reports on births, deaths and marriages in the Griswold family: Clarissa Sheehan

on the Electa and Henry Arnold line; Verla C. Arnold on the Cyril Arnold and C. Rexford Arnold lines.

Without the excellent reports from all these members of the Griswold family, it would not be possible for the Historian to compile the annual updated and corrected list of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. Thank you, everyone.

Following the Reunion, the Historian (SRP) collated all of the information that had been received about births, deaths and marriages, &c., and prepared, on 02-08-1986, an "Official List of Descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden" for 1985. At the 1985 Reunion, ten persons requested copies of this 100+ page list and gave the Historian \$5.00 for copying costs for the list, when compiled. On February 8, 1986, SRP produced ten copies of the list, and presented one copy to Edith A. Gardner and Gertrude G. Snyder, one copy to Donald W. Powell, one copy to SRP for his records. On February 12, 1986, copies of the complete list were mailed to the following seven persons, all of whom requested and paid for the list at the 1985 Reunion: Marjorie A. Nims, Verla C. Arnold, Gloria Johnston, Mrs. Francis Curtis III, Crystel Cook Gummoe, Carroll A. Curtis, Stephen J. Gravellec.

If you would like a copy of the "Official List of Descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden" for 1986, give the Historian \$5.00 (for copying expenses) at the 1986 Reunion, and he will mail you a copy when it is available.

Research Coordination Registration. SRP reported that he had completed a "Research Coordination Registration" form, on April 2, 1984, on Theron Orsemus Loomis (1848-1911), and filed same with the Family Registry, Genealogical Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. In filing this form, the researcher (SRP in this instance) indicates a willingness to share research with other persons nationwide who are working on the same individual or family line. This is a good way to get help from others and to be helpful to others.

Microfiche. SRP reported that all of the Clinton Township information that is associated with the Griswold Reunion and the Pioneer Days is now on microfilm. This information is an integral component of the "Maternal Ancestors of Helen Loomis Russell" section of PREPARATORY NOTES FOR A WORK TO BE ENTITLED WALTER SILAS POWELL AND HELEN LOOMIS RUSSELL: THEIR ANCESTORS, THEIR DESCENDANTS, which was published on microfilm in 1985. At the Reunion, SRP showed a copy of the complete microfiche edition of this history: twelve 5" X 7" microfiche cards, with 270 microfiche images per card.

Gelatt Reunion. At the 1985 Reunion, SRP read the following newspaper account of the Gelatt Family Reunion that took place on August 27, 1892:

ANOTHER REUNION

The Members of the Gelatt Family Meet in Thompson

The third annual reunion of the Gelatt family was held in Keystone hall, Thompson, on Saturday, August 27. The relatives of the family began to assemble at an early hour, and at 12 m. about 200 Gelatts were anxiously awaiting to hear the dinner bell ring. The tables were loaded down with the substantials and delicacies of the season, to which all did ample justice. After dinner, Presiding Elder Sumner sang one of his grand songs, which was highly appreciated, followed by a prayer by the Rev. T. A. Stevens. Minutes of the last meeting were read, also greetings from Capt. Charles Gelatt, of Nordhoff, Cal., and also from Mrs. E. E. Gillis, of Sacramento, Cal. Next followed election of officers for the ensuing year; President E. R. Gelatt; Treasurer, Richard Gelatt; Secretary, C. R. Casterline. It was decided to hold the next reunion at the Bills place, in Gibson.

With music, songs and visiting, the day was pleasantly passed until 4 o'clock, when with a good warm handshake and good wishes they took their departure for their several homes feeling that it was the best reunion they ever attended. Among those present were Leon Lewis and sister Rena, from Great Barrington, Mass.; George Merrill and wife, from Carbondale; Dr. Frank Corson and family, from Waymart, Pa.; Leroy Tobey, wife and daughter, from Caton, N.Y.; Mr. Hathay and wife, Mr. Phillips and wife, and Mrs. Hulbert, from Otego, N.Y.; Y. D. Richmond and wife, from Carbondle, Pa.; the Rev. T. A. Stevens and family, from Kenka, N.Y.; George Gelatt and family, from Odessa, N.Y.

(The Carbondale Leader, 09-01-1892, p. 4)

At the Reunion, Crystel Cook Gummoe, Beulah Pazel and Leeta Geuther recalled the visits of some Gelatt cousins to the Griswold Reunions years ago. At the request of SRP (08-29-1985), Crystel Gummoe wrote down the following information about those visits:

Honesdale, Pa. R. 1
Sept. 2 - 1985

Dear Robert;

In reply to your letter about some cousins who years ago attended the reunion--I have talked to Beulah and Leeta and we spoke of the Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and others who we remembered when we were much younger. This surely dates us.

They apparently were relatives of Gelatts and Griswolds, so we searched the Northeastern Pennsylvania of Nov. 19 to see if we were correct--On page 14 it gives the name of Mrs. Phillips and her family members--also on several occasions it states that they were at the Griswold reunion--1908-10. I believe also a Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beaham--They were sisters of the Hulbert family--Margaret Griswold--Harry Hulbert--so I believe we were correct when we said how we remembered them coming from Owego or Oneonta. We were so impressed as they arrived via a car, a novelty then--no doors and lots of chrome. I remember how very proud & fussy they were of it.

Enjoyed the day at Clinton Center so much and think much of the success was due to the untiring work and interest of the Powells.

Sincerely,

Crystel C. Gummoe
(Mrs. Friend)

How are the Gelatts related to the Griswolds?

Sumner Griswold (08-20-1798--09-20-1864) married Clarissa Gelatte (10-30-1809--08-16-1881), and they were the parents of eight children:

1. Daniel (m., 1, Delia Sanders; m., 2, Euphemia)
2. Lewis (m. Susan Bennett)
3. Jennett (m. Willard Hathaway)
4. Electa Marie (m. Henry William Arnold)
5. Jesse
6. Oliver
7. Harriet (m. Harry Hulbert)
8. Angeline

Newspaper clipping found by Wyman Terrel. At the 1985 Griswold Reunion, SRP publicly thanked Wyman Terrel for presenting, in August 1984, to Alice Lund a newspaper account, dated 09-02-1915, of the unveiling, on August 27, 1915, of the 6-ton conglomerate monument "IN MEMORY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS TOWNSHIP AND THE FOUNDERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH." Until August 1984, only a fragment of this important article, entitled "Clintonians Monumented," was known to exist. See Volume II, Number 2 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, November 19, 1980, page 3, column 2, top. Thanks again, Wyman, for thinking of the Griswolds when you came across this important newspaper clipping.

David Watkins. One of the highlights of the 1985 Clinton Center Pioneer Day and Griswold Reunion was the special music that was provided for the morning church service and historical program by David R. Watkins. On 08-29-1985, SRP wrote the following thank you note, on behalf of the Griswolds, to David R. Watkins:

"Dear David,

Your wonderful gift of music and your enthusiastic witnessing for Jesus Christ will long be remembered by those of us who were privileged to be with you in the Clinton Center Baptist Church on August 25th. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S. Robert Powell"

In addition to this thank you note to David Watkins, the Corresponding Secretary sent out 15 thank you letters and 12 post cards of thanks, on 08-30-1985, to various Griswolds and friends of the Griswolds, all of whom helped to make the 1985 Griswold Reunion a great success.

Belva Utegg's promotion. Did you see Belva Utegg's photograph, and the story about her recent promotion, on page one of the January 25/26, 1986 issue of THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT? Belva has been promoted to the position of Assistant Cashier of the Wayne County Bank and Trust Company. Congratulations to Belva on her promotion. She and her husband and three children reside in Waymart.

Lace from the Loomis store. In the fall of 1982, SRP sent to Laura Loomis Rude a copy of Edna Loomis Loomis' monumental study of the Theron Orsemus Loomis family. On November 17, 1982, Laura Rude wrote the following letter of thanks to SRP:

"Dear Robert:

I want to thank you for the lovely book of the history of the Theron Loomis family. Edna had a smaller book on the Francis Earl Loomis family made up for me. I don't know if I showed it to you. While doing a little cleaning in the attic I came across some lace that was in the Hiram Loomis store. I am going to enclose a small piece of it. I am sorry I didn't get this letter to you before. Thank you again for the book.

Sincerely,

Laura Rude"

SRP will take this lovely family memento (the piece of lace from the Hiram Loomis store) to the 1986 Griswold Reunion, and anyone who would like to see it at that time may do so.

XII. Collection

(See Treasurer's Report, published here, above)

XIII. Date, place and format of the 1986 Clinton Center Pioneer Day and Griswold Reunion

Much discussion concerning the precise details of the celebrations next year ensued. The outcome was this:

Date: Fourth Saturday of August (the 23rd), 1986

Place: Clinton Center Baptist Church

XIV. Reports from the floor:

1. Mrs. Jane Shaffer Kille (330 12th Street, Honesdale, PA 18431) spoke of her son's (James Theodore Kille) sports record at Western Wayne High School. James excelled in track, field and wrestling. On 08-29-1985, SRP wrote and asked Mrs. Kille to write down the specifics of her son's record so that the details could be reported here. SRP's letter was returned, marked "Addressee Unknown," by the Post Office.

2. Margaret Rude gave an impromptu dramatic presentation, impersonating an historical figure, "Miss Brown."

XV. Adjourning of meeting..... John R. Rude

PRODUCTION NOTES

The material presented in this issue (Volume I, Number 2; August 23, 1986) of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER was gathered and synthesized by Donald W. Powell and S. Robert Powell during the Fall and Winter of 1985-1986. Production (on an IBM Selectric typewriter) and lay out were performed by S. Robert Powell. Two hundred and fifty copies of this 10-page CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER were printed in March 1986 by PDQ Printing, Scranton, PA, and mailed from the Carbondale (PA) Post Office on March 21, 1986 to all persons on the mailing list of the Clinton Center Pioneer Day and Griswold Reunion.

CCPD/GR NEWSLETTER, I, 2, 08-23-1986

CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER

Volume I, Number 3

August 20, 1988

INTRODUCTION

This is the third published issue of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER. It contains the following information:

Minutes of the 1986 Griswold Reunion (the 80th, 08-23-1986), pp. 1-7. By Donald W. Powell.

Minutes of the 1986 Clinton Center Pioneer Day (the 155th, 08-31-1986), p. 7.

Minutes of the 1987 Clinton Center Pioneer Day (the 156th, 08-16-1987), pp. 7-8.

Minutes of the 1987 Griswold Reunion (the 81st, 08-22-1987), pp. 8-12. By S. Robert Powell.

The CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER was not published in 1987. Rather, it was decided to report on the 1986 and 1987 Clinton Center Pioneer Days and the Griswold Reunions in the 1988 issue (this issue, Volume I, Number 3) of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER.

GRISWOLD REUNION 1986

The 80th Annual Reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden took place on Saturday, August 23, 1986, from 11:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the Clinton Center Baptist Church, Waymart, PA. It is generally agreed upon that the Clinton Center Baptist Church is an ideal place to hold the Griswold Reunion, and we, as Griswolds, are grateful to the Clinton Center Baptist Church for allowing us to meet there annually (formal permission to hold the 1986 Griswold Reunion at the CCBC was granted by the administration of the church on 07-13-1986). Immediately following the 1986 Reunion, the Treasurer, Donald W. Powell, sent a check for \$50 to the Clinton Center Baptist Church as an expression of our appreciation for the use of the building for the Reunion.

The 1986 Griswold Reunion began with a welcome and registration period from 11:30 A.M. to noon, and descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden converged on the Clinton Center Baptist Church at that time. As everyone arrived, they signed the registration book and, in order to make it easier and quicker for everyone to know just who everyone else was, this year, for the first time, we all wore name tags identifying ourselves. Forty-seven persons signed the registration book. They are: Marvin D. Curtis, Donald W. Powell, Verla C. Arnold, Crystel C. Gummoe, Becky Geuther, Janet Geuther, Gloria Johnston, Mary Zollbrecht, Jane Shaffer, Ann Louise Curtis, Francis H. Curtis III, Dorothy Olver, Fred Olver, Minna Blair, Donna Hosterman, Edith Gardner, Gertrude Snyder, Dorothy W. Gardner, John R. Gardner, Betty Pratt, Dorrie Johnson, Michael Pratt, Mildred Wright LaBarre, Beatrice Bartholomay, Marjorie Gravalec, Steve Gravalec, Eunice Hauenstein, Verna C. Varcoe, Margaret R. Rude, Doris Mead, Mabel Patey Haven,

John R. Rude, Amy Rude, Ken Pratt, David A. Curtis, Donna Curtis, Don Ryan, Sue Curtis, Henry Curtis, Jr., Jim K????, Alice O. Cox, Wendy M. Kille, Alfred Shaffer, Dianne Stiles, Delia Cornelia Cheverrico (Venezuela), S. Robert Powell, and Judith Ann Blair.

Donald W. Powell and John R. Rude took charge of grilling hot and sweet sausage, hamburgers and chicken hot dogs on barbecue grills (one gas fired and one conventional charcoal grill) provided by John and Amy Rude and by Margaret Rude.

At noon, the Griswolds took places at three of the long tables in the church basement, which was beautifully adorned with bouquets of garden and wild flowers on the tables and in the window wells. Among the flowers were cosmos (from Donald Powell's garden), dahlias (from Florence Robinson's garden), marigolds (from Robert Powell's garden), white hydrangeas, Queen Anne's lace, goldenrod, black-eyed Susans, clover, mint, bread and butter.

Two weeks before the Reunion, the "committee" (Elizabeth Jones, Florence Robinson, Donald W. Powell and S. Robert Powell) thoroughly cleaned the tables and chairs in the church basement and, on the day before the Reunion, washed plates, silverware, glassware, and laid out place settings for 50 people. On the day before the Reunion, thanks to the Clinton Center Baptist Church, the lawn surrounding the church was cut.

The fourth long table in the church basement was laden with a wide array of first class food, and after a blessing of the food was asked by Francis Curtis, the members of the family passed around the food table and served themselves. Iced tea and lemonade were served after everyone was re-seated. Freshly-brewed coffee was served at the conclusion of the meal.

At 2:00 P.M., after the dishes had all been washed and put away, under the direction of the table committee (Elizabeth Jones, Eleanor Rude, Ann Tyler), the annual business meeting was convened in the main sanctuary of the church. The meeting was under the direction of the President of the Griswold Reunion for 1986-1987, Francis Curtis III.

Francis Curtis III welcomed everyone and, quoting Edith Gardner, said: "I guess you know my face by now." A special welcome was extended to the delegation from Oregon of descendants of Amanda Irene Curtis (1871-1966) and the Reverend James Charles Patey: Mildred Patey Haven; her daughter, Betty L. Pratt; Betty's daughter, Dorrie; Betty's husband, Ken Pratt; and Ken Pratt's son, Michael. Everyone then introduced himself to the group, and in so doing mentioned the name of his parents or grandparents.

Donna Lee (Dolan) Hosterman, daughter of Bernice Curtis and James Dolan, and granddaughter of Francis H. Curtis and Letha Crossman, then sang some songs from the musical Quilters (by Molly Newman and Robert Danchak). Before she sang the first song, she told us about the musical so that we would have the background for the particular song that she was about to sing. The musical is made up of 16 scenes, called blocks, and each block has to do with a story that a mother is remembering as she is making a legacy quilt for her daughter. A legacy quilt is made up of 16 blocks, and Donna had two of them from the play with her and she showed them to the group. The particular scene that she sang the song from is a schoolhouse block and it was her memory of growing up and of a small schoolhouse and

some of the things that happened in the mid-West. The musical is about the pioneers, their courage, the hardships they faced, and about how well they, because of their courage, dealt with those hardships. This particular one tells the story of a group of children who go down into the basement during a tornado and take their writing materials to write a story about where they were born. The character of the particular scene whose song and dialogue Donna presented is named Lilly.

Donna Hosterman is an accomplished actress/narrator and has a wonderfully clear, fresh voice, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed her presentation from Quilters.

Donna then led the group in singing. First she sang "Side by Side" and then the group joined in and sang it again. Then, without a run through by Donna, we all sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Donald W. Powell, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Griswold Reunion for 1986-1987, then presented for approval the minutes of the 1985 Griswold Reunion. The minutes are presented in Volume I, Number 2 (August 23, 1986) of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER, pp. 6-10. The 1985 minutes were approved as presented.

The Corresponding Secretary/Historian, S. Robert Powell, then presented his annual report, as follows:

Annual Report
Corresponding Secretary/Historian
S. Robert Powell

LIST OF DESCENDANTS. Following the 1985 Reunion, SRP collated all of the information that had been received about births, deaths, marriages, &c., and prepared, on 02-08-1986, an "Official List of Descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden for 1985." At the 1985 Reunion, ten copies of this 100+ page list were requested by members of the family. The cost of each copy (to cover the cost of xeroxing) is \$5.00. On February 8, 1986, SRP produced 10 copies of the list and presented one copy to Edith A. Gardner and Gertrude G. Snyder, one copy to Donald W. Powell, and one copy for the Reunion's records. On February 12, 1986, copies of the complete list were mailed to the following persons, all of whom requested and paid for the list at the 1985 Reunion: Marjorie A. Nims, Verla C. Arnold, Gloria Johnston, Mrs. Francis Curtis III, Crystel Cook Gummoe, Carroll A. Curtis, and Stephen J. Gravalet.

The Corresponding Secretary/Historian then asked all persons who would like a copy of the 1986 list, when completed, to give SRP \$5.00 for copying expenses, and announced that copies would be mailed as soon as they were produced.

SRP then called for any additions/corrections to the Griswold Reunion's mailing list from the floor.

2. MINUTES OF THE 1985 REUNION AND PUBLICITY FOR 1986 REUNION. SRP reported that 216 copies of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER (Volume I, Number 2, August 23, 1986) were mailed from the Carbondale Post Office to all persons on the mailing list on April 2, 1986. The breakdown of the mailing is as follows: Carbondale, 20; mixed Pennsylvania, 130; out of state, 65; foreign, 1 (Norway).

Enclosed with the Newsletter was an invoice, dated March 21, 1986, requesting that each recipient contribute \$2.00 to the treasury to cover the cost of production and mailing of the Newsletter. SRP pointed out that if the Treasurer did not receive payment from each recipient that it would not be possible to maintain the names on non-payers on the mailing list of the Clinton Center Pioneer Day and Griswold Reunion. On the same invoice, SRP also asked for suggestions as to material to be included in the Newsletter, as well as contributions of material for publication.

In addition, 181 copies of the flyer announcing the 1986 Griswold Reunion, as well as 181 copies of the "1986 Griswold Information Sheet" were mailed to family members. The breakdown on this mailing is as follows: Carbondale, 18; mixed Pennsylvania, 104; out of state, 59. These flyers and information sheets were mailed on July 22-23, 1986, from the Carbondale Post Office.

Announcements of the Reunion were, in

addition, mailed, on 08-16-1986, by SRP to three area newspapers and published as follows: Carbondale News, 08-20-1986; Forest City News, 08-21-1986; The Wayne Independent, 08-21-1986. SRP pointed out that write-ups of two family reunions of interest to the Griswolds were published in the Reunion section of The Wayne Independent on the very day that the announcement of the 1986 Griswold Reunion was published in that newspaper: the Peck Reunion (descendants of Sylvanus Peck and Charlotte Hacker); and the Perham Reunion.

3. BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES & C. The Corresponding Secretary/Historian reported that 24 members of the Reunion or families had filled out and returned the 1986 Griswold Reunion Information Sheet or otherwise furnished vital statistics for the official records of the Reunion. Those 24 persons or households (not listed here in any particular order) are as follows: Leeta Geuther, Beatrice Bartholomay, Nancy and Robert Bostwick, P. Clark Hungerford, Jr., Marjorie Norton Walker, Claude W. Manaton, Crystel Cook Gummoe, Henry G. Curtis, Jr., Richard and Belva Utegg, Clarissa Treat Sheehan, Shirley Forsberg Bammerlin, Mary Zollbrecht, Jane Shaffer, Chrystal A. Olver-Young, John Gardner, Betty Lou Pratt, Gloria Johnston, John and Amy Rude, Verla C. Arnold, Noreen A. Farrow, Clyde and Doris Mead, Gertrude Schaffer, and S. Robert Powell. Letters of thanks were sent by the Corresponding Secretary/Historian to all those persons for having taken the time to furnish the Reunion with the information that they did. SRP expressed his special thanks to Clarissa Treat Sheehan for her outstanding work in gathering and synthesizing the annual vital statistics from the Arnold branch of the Griswold family.

Using the information provided by those 24 persons or families, SRP then updated the Official List of the Descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden and produced, on December 5, 1986, seven copies of the 1986 descendant list for the six persons who requested and paid for the list at the 1986 Reunion: Ann Louise Curtis, Betty Pratt, John Rude (2 copies), Mabel Haven, Noreen A. Farrow, Terje Steinsto. These copies, with the exception of the copy to Terje Steinsto, were all mailed on December 6, 1986. The copy of the 1986 list for Terje Steinsto (Friggsvei 6, 3100 Tonsberg, Norway) was (SRP discovered in typing up this report for this Newsletter) not mailed. The wrapped copy, ready for mailing, was discovered in a large box of Griswold papers following the 1987 Reunion. A copy of the 1987 list, therefore, will be mailed to Terje Steinsto as soon as it is ready, and this regrettable mailing delay will be corrected.

4. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Esther Griswold. On November 2, 1985, Esther Griswold (229 East Sixth Street, Hutchinson, KS 67501) wrote to Donald W. Powell and requested information on Louise (or Louisa) McKnight, the wife of Horace Griswold. She was born in Massachusetts and died in 1866 and is buried in the Clinton Cemetery. On 01-27-1986, Donald Powell wrote to Esther Griswold and explained that we do not have any information on Louise/a McKnight, wife of Horace Griswold. In his letter, DWP asked Esther Griswold if she had any information on Rhoda Griswold (b. 1834, Wayne County, PA; m. Benjamin F. Smith) and Cornelia Griswold (b. 1838, Wayne County, PA, m. Virgil Gaylord). On 02-16-1986, SRP wrote to Esther Griswold and suggested that she file a "Research Coordination Registration" form with the Family Registry, Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. In so doing, SRP suggested, Esther Griswold may be put in contact with someone else who is doing research on the McKnight family. On 02-28-1986, Esther Griswold wrote SRP and told him that she had checked with the Mormon Library in Hutchinson, KS, and found that a Mrs. Julia McKeown (Washington, DC, and Kuala Lumpur, USBR Department of State) is also working on the McKnight line. On 02-28-1986, Esther Griswold wrote to DWP and said that she had no information on Rhoda Griswold and Cornelia Griswold and suggested that Margaret Rude and Fred Olver might be able to provide some information on those two Griswolds. In that same letter, Esther Griswold enclosed (1) an obituary of Horace Milton Tingley (a native of Susquehanna County, PA, died at the age of 82 on May 20, 1939, Spokane, Washington) from the May 25, 1939 issue of The Spokane Spokesman,

and (2) the following information about Emily Griswold: "Emily Griswold married Franklin Tingley, who died age 77; left widow, 2 sons (Homer M. Tingley and Eugene L. Tingley, both of Spokane) and two daughters (Eva Smith, Spokane, Washington; Mrs. S. B. Hayford, Lyons, Washington).

b. Esther Patey Forsberg. On 04-07-1986, Esther Patey Forsberg (Route 3, Box 451, Kettle Falls, WA 99141) wrote to SRP and asked if anyone knew the names of Reverend Henry Curtis' eleven brothers and sisters. In addition, she enclosed a letter, dated March 4, 1986, from Reverend Lyle E. Curtis (1404 Berlin Street, Waupaca, WI 54981), author of a book entitled "When Dreams Come True." Esther Forsberg wonders if Rev. Lyle E. Curtis is a relative of the Clinton Township Curtis family. Also enclosed in Esther Forsberg's letter was information on Mary Emma Oliver, Fannie Curtis Oliver, and Frank Oliver; a 4-page letter, dated August 26, 1904, from Amanda Patey's Aunt Julia to Amanda Patey; and a ten typewritten page "History in Brief of the Banning Family" by Julia A. C. Knapp, dated February 22, 1904. Copies of all of the above named genealogical materials from Esther Patey Forsberg were made by SRP and the originals were returned to Esther Patey Forsberg on 04-22-1986.

c. Griswold Family Association of America, Inc. The Clinton Township Griswold Reunion is a member of the Griswold Family Association of America, Inc., which publishes a quarterly Newsletter under the direction of Richard M. Griswold, Jr., Editor, 116 Garden Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109. The Clinton Township Griswold Reunion received, SRP reported, the Spring/Summer 1986 issue of the GFA Newsletter and the Summer 1986 issue, and all members of the family are invited to borrow and to read them. In the Summer 1986 issue, the national reunion of the Griswolds is announced for October 3-5, 1986, in the Buckland/Shelburne Falls/Griswoldville/Colrain area of Massachusetts. More information about this national reunion, as well as a reservation form, are enclosed in that newsletter.

d. Larry Downey. On April 27, 1986, Larry Downey mailed to the Corresponding Secretary/Historian a bit of paper which he found in going through some of his late wife's (née Josephine Corey) papers. On that paper the eight children of Horace Gilbert Squire and Amy Susan Woodmansee are listed: Adeline Loretta, Estella Leantine, Alicia Malvina, Willis Alvin, Moses Underwood, Mary Emma, Harriett Amanda, Hilon DeRoy.

e. Mabel Haven/Betty L. Pratt. On May 27, 1986, Mabel Haven (Box 215, Wasco, OR 97065) wrote SRP and reported the good news that her family was planning on attending the 1986 Griswold Reunion. On June 14, 1986, Betty L. Pratt (5510 Angle Drive, N.E., Salem, OR 97301), granddaughter of Amanda Curtis Patey, wrote SRP and reconfirmed that her mother, Mabel Patey Haven, her daughter, Dorrie, her husband, Ken Pratt, and her stepson, Michael Pratt, would attend the 1986 Griswold Reunion. They are with us today, and we are delighted to have them here.

f. Norvelle Curtis Kern. On July 8, 1986, Norvelle Curtis Kern (74 Plymouth Drive, Scarsdale, NY 10583) wrote the Griswold Reunion and congratulated the officers "for the splendid Newsletter" (Volume I, Number 2 of the Clinton Center Pioneer Day and Griswold Reunion Newsletter), and said that she hoped to be able to attend the 1986 Reunion. In her letter she stated: "I attended Pioneer Day celebrations quite regularly during the period you call the first period of annual celebrations. My father was very active then. I have fond memories of him standing up by the choir, cornet in hand, leading the music. He led the music and singing for church, reunion, special meetings, gatherings of all kinds. He also conducted a small orchestra at many of these meetings. Vance Griswold, with violin, was one of its members."

g. Together with a completed 1986 Griswold Reunion Information Sheet, P. Clark Hungerford, Jr. enclosed a copy of the obituary of his wife, Virginia Rude Hungerford, who died on June 1, 1986 (obituary published in the June 3, 1986 issue of the Cleveland Plain Dealer). This obituary is available for all to read. Following the Reunion, it will be placed on file

in the official records of the Griswold Reunion.

h. Verna (Curtis) Varcoe presented the Historian with a copy of a newspaper article entitled, "Hay leaves N'fld for Maryland farmers" (The Wayne Independent, August 12, 1986, p. 3A). From this article we learn of the generosity of family member Francis Curtis III who donated 2,800 bales of hay for use by farmers in drought-stricken Maryland. Fourteen Maryland National Guardsmen and 20 neighbors assisted Francis Curtis in loading the six tractor trailers of hay for shipment to Salisbury, MD. We applaud the public spirit and generosity of Francis Curtis III.

i. Mrs. Marjorie Norton Walker (219 Lindale, Senatobia, MS 38668) enclosed with her completed 1986 Griswold Reunion Information Sheet the following letter, dated August 17, 1986:

Dear Griswold Uncles, Aunts, Cousins:

As usual, the notice of the family reunion brings back memories of relatives I've known or known of through the years.

The suggestion that we write of reunions we've attended reminded me that I have indeed attended one Griswold Reunion in my lifetime. During the summer of 1925, my mother, brothers, sister, and I spent some time with my grandparents, George and Jennie Curtis. As I remember it, the Reunion was held that year at the old Griswold-Curtis home, in Curtis Valley (Aunt Augusta Curtis' home). Memories of that day are somewhat sketchy (I was seven at the time), but I do remember the picture-taking session and my attempt to hold a little girl cousin who protested at my efforts to keep her in the picture.

That year, Uncle Will Curtis (my grandfather's brother), his wife and children from South Dakota were also in attendance and won the distinction of having traveled farther than any of the rest of us to be there.

School opens in Senatobia and Tate County today. All five of our grandchildren will be in attendance this year, scattered from kindergarten through fourth and fifth grades to the two older ones who will be in the ninth and tenth grades.

The two older boys are both making a valiant attempt to make the football squad at the local high school. Alan, the third boy, enjoys football, too, but is still too young to play at school. He played summer baseball this summer and was selected for the All-Star team. Suzie, a fourth grader this year, has spent the last two summers perfecting her tennis game and swimming to cool off between bouts of tennis. Kathy, our baby grandchild, has kept busy attending nursery school and "Kiddie Kollege" from which she was graduated last spring. Some weeks ago, her mother took her (Kathy) shopping for typical school equipment—backpack, pencils, colors, tablet, thermos, lunch box, etc.

It will probably come as no shock to any of you that our section of the country has had a hot, dry summer. We in Mississippi have been luckier than people in South Carolina, Georgia, and parts of North Carolina. Yesterday was a beautiful day here—it rained until almost noon, a rare happening in recent months.

My best wishes to all of you and may you have a great time at the Reunion. Wish I were there.

Sincerely yours,
Marjorie N. Walker

j. At the 1985 Griswold Reunion, SRP reported (1) that in the fall of 1982 he presented Laura A. (Loomis) Rude with a xerographic copy of Edna Pearl (Loomis) Loomis's genealogy of the Theron Orsemus Loomis family, and (2) that in her letter, dated November 17, 1982, of thanks to SRP for the book, Laura Rude enclosed a piece of lace from a roll of lace that was in the Hiram Pease Loomis store in Clinton Township. SRP did not have the piece of lace with him at the Reunion in 1985 but said that he would bring it with him in 1986. At the 1986 Reunion, SRP showed the lovely piece of lace to the family members.

k. During the Summer of 1986 visit of Pearl (the fourth of the seven daughters of William Van Tassel Curtis and Marie Peterson) and Ernest Brudos (Lake City, SD) to Clinton Township, a gathering of cousins was held at the Ridge Farm home of Margaret Rude. At that time, Verna Curtis Varcoe had Ernest Brudos take a photograph of the six cousins who were assembled. In that photograph are

Pearl Brudos, Gertrude Snyder, Beatrice Bartholomay, Verna Varcoe, Margaret Rude and Edith Gardner. Verna Varcoe allowed SRP to borrow the negative of that photograph and have a 5" X 7" enlargement made. That photograph was passed around for all to see.

l. The name "Griswold" is frequently mis-spelled in the United States these days. In announcing the 56th annual reunion of the Henry and Electa (Griswold) Arnold family, July 27, 1986, The Wayne Independent (July 12-13, 1986, p. 5A, "REUNIONS. Griswald.") not only erroneously spelled the family name but also neglected to give Henry Arnold's last name in announcing the Arnold Reunion. The errors may have been made in reporting the information to the paper or they may have been made by the paper. Whatever the case, The Wayne Independent announced: "The 56th annual reunion of the Henry and Electa Griswald family will be held Sunday, July 27..."

m. This morning, August 23, 1986, Mrs. Gerald Stiles telephoned the Corresponding Secretary from Canton, PA, to say that her husband, Gerald, would

not be able to attend the Reunion, but that she might be in attendance.

Following the report of the Corresponding Secretary/Historian, Francis Curtis then polled the Reunion to draw up the annual list of family superlatives.

Youngest: Michael Pratt, age 14

Oldest: Edith A. Gardner. "I am 89. Verna will be 89 in September."

Farthest Distance Traveled: Oregon and Venezuela.

Most from a Single Household: the Alfred Shaffer family.

Most Reunions Attended, and When: Verna Varcoe: "I attended the first one, and I haven't missed too many since."

1986 FINANCIAL REPORT
DONALD W. POWELL, TREASURER

STATEMENT AS OF 18 FEBRUARY 1986

Balance in Treasury as of 30 July 1985..... \$ 46.25

RECEIPTS (from 30 July 1985 to 18 February 1986)

A. Griswold Reunion collections, August 25, 1985			
1. Cash collection (56 persons signed attendance book).....	\$ 85.84		
2. Contribution from Clinton Center Pioneer Day free-will offering to Griswold Reunion for printing and mailing expenses for CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER, Volume I, Number 1.....	80.00		
3. Checks from mailers from those who could not attend Reunion (Esther Patey Forsberg, Claude W. Manaton, Fred and Dorothy Olver, Gerald and Marjorie Cook, Marjorie Walker, Minna Blair, Louise C. McCue, Henry and Althea Neutts, Gertrude Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stiles).....	94.00		
B. Receipts since GR 79 (August 25, 1985)			
4. Interest on savings account (balance on 30 September 1985, \$200.34).....	1.28		
5. Checks from mailers (Esther Patey Forsberg, Esther Griswold).....	15.00	\$276.12	
			\$322.37

EXPENSES (from 30 July 1985 to 18 February 1986)

A. Bills submitted at GR 79 (August 25, 1985)			
1. Annual membership dues for The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc. (\$10.00) and purchase of "Our Griswold Family in England Before 1639" (\$2.75): paid on 8 April 1985 by DWP.....	12.75		
2. Table expenses for August 25, 1985 (cool aid, plates cups, napkins): paid by Mildred LaBarre.....	9.66		
3. Remainder of bill for printing the CCPD/GR NEWSLETTER, Volume I, Number 1 (\$100.00 paid to SRP on July 30, 1985, for the first part of expenses on same), and \$5.00 to SRP for cash paid to Treasury by Verla Arnold for Griswold descendant list.....	83.84		
			\$105.75
B. Expenses since GR 79 (August 25, 1985)			
4. SRP, postage for thank you letters and post cards following Reunion (15 letters, \$3.30; 12 post cards, \$1.68): paid by SRP, 08-30-85.....	4.98		
5. DWP, membership dues for The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc.: paid by DWP, 01-27-86.....	10.00		
6. SRP, postage for mailing out 7 copies of complete Griswold descendant list: paid by SRP, 02-12-86.....	7.33		
		\$ 22.31	\$128.06
Balance in Treasury as of 18 February 1986.....			\$194.31

The Treasurer's Report that is given above covers the period from last year's Reunion to February 18, 1986. Given below is the Treasurer's Report for the period from February 18, 1986 to August 23, 1986:

Balance in Treasury on Augsut 23, 1986....\$145.67

Income at Griswold Reunion, August 23, 1986....\$137.00

Expenses at Griswold Reunion, August 23, 1986....\$79.63

Deposit.....\$57.37

Balance from August 23, 1986 (\$145.67) plus Deposit (\$57.37) = \$203.04

THE FLOOR IS YOURS: Speak Up!

At the recommendation of Donald W. Powell, this moment in the program has become an annual feature of the Griswold Reunion's Annual Business Meeting. At the 1986 Griswold Reunion, four persons "spoke up."

1. Betty Pratt presented to the Reunion a xerox copy of pages 365-366 of the NORWICH VITAL RECORDS. On these two pages, detailed information is given about Samuel Griswold and Mary Abell, both of Norwich, who were married together on the 15th day of February 1759. Their issue: Elizabeth (b. 11-02-1759), Samuel (b. 08-05-1761), Elijah (b. 09-05-1763), Anna (b. 04-13-1766), Tryphena (b. 05-04-1768), Mary (b. 08-28-1770), John (b. 02-10-1773), Caleb (b. 07-02-1775), and James (b. 04-14-1778).

In addition, Betty Pratt gave the Reunion a sheet of information about a member of the Minkler family (a son of Barnabas and Rexalena Minkler) who married Lucinda Samson (b. 06-21-1787), the daughter of Anna Griswold (b. 04-13-1766 in Norwich, CT; d. 06-10-1838 in Grand Isle, VT), and Daniel Samson (b. 09-13-1765 in Norwich, CT).

The precise connection between these Griswolds reported on by Betty Pratt and the Clinton Township Griswolds has not yet been determined, but it is believed that a careful examination of family records will reveal the link.

2. Jane Shaffer showed the Griswold Reunion a copy of THE VISION GLORIOUS, a centennial report of the New York Conference of the Free Methodist Church, September 2-6, 1874, Brooklyn, NY, September 26-28, 1974, Beach Lake, PA. Therein, Loren Stiles, Jr. is mentioned several times:

a. "By that time (1861) B. T. Roberts and his close friend, Loren Stiles Jr., had become outstanding young evangelical preachers, both figuring very strongly in the organizing of the Free Methodist Church...At about the same time Loren Stiles was invited to visit White Haven, at which time he organized a society." (p. 7).

b. NEW YORK CONFERENCE HISTORICAL TIME LINE.... 1861 White Haven Society organized by Loren Stiles, Jr. (p. 8).

c. "It was a group of concerned laymen in White Haven, Pa., who invited Loren Stiles, Jr. to come for special meetings and then to organize a society there." (p. 11).

3. S. Robert Powell read, at the request of Verna Curtis Varcoe, a poem that was written by VCV in 1951 entitled "Glancing into the Past." A copy of this poem was included in VCV's letter of 04-24-1986 to SRP. The text of that letter is as follows:

"Dear Cousin:

Enclosed is the poem, "Glancing into the Past," which I wrote for the 120th anniversary of the C.C. B. Church. Edenvale is pronounced as the E in the Garden of Eden. This place was located below Aldenville, where the Prompton Dam is now.

There was a one room school house there; a short distance below Eugene Curtis', where my mother taught school. She also taught at Curtis Valley and got Seven Dollars a month and boarded around. The Dollar was worth something then!

The reunion being on Sat., I wonder if Alice, or whoever is planning the 155th anniversary of the church, will have it on the following day, or some other Sun.

Hope I am able to attend as I am looking forward to both occasions.

The forsythia looks pretty with white snow on the ground. Quite a snow storm yesterday.

One of your cousins,
Verna C. Varcoe."

Here is the text of VCV's poem, which was given at the Clinton Center Baptist Church on November 23, 1951 by VCV, and by SRP on 08-23-1986:

GLANCING INTO THE PAST written by Verna Curtis Varcoe

Let's gaze into the past and ponder over many a year,

To think of the time when our forefathers settled here.

Before 1800 this section was a vast wilderness; Wild animals roamed the forest and knew of no progress.

The years went by and from Connecticut the settlers came;

Blazing a trail thru the forest and living on game.

With unwavering faith, they traveled a better land to seek.

The journey, by ox-cart with worldly goods, took many a week.

Arriving here it was no easy task to clear the land.

Strong men were they, with a mind to work and a willing hand;

With a purpose of a home to make, and children to rear,

And a strong desire for a church to worship here.

There was food to get, and the ground made ready to farm,

So they met in homes to pray, with Sunday School in a barn.

Altho this was a lowly place, the worship was sincere;

For was not the Saviour born in such a place as here?

These pioneers had hard times, but a hope secure,

With determination for a church that would endure.

Building it would take quite a time, so before it was done;

'Twas organized the Central Baptist in 1831.

In time they had a church building and a place to meet

For worship and prayer meetings, with a covenant to keep.

The membership was not large, but the country would grow!

This was a great place to live in, with good neighbors to know.

It was not always smooth going; for a cyclone one day

Came in 1851, and blew the building away.

The foundation only remained, when the wind was still.

Parts were found all around, while some reached Edenvale.

Did they give up? Not the men and women of that day!

In a few years it was rebuilt, and stands here to-day.

Ministers filled with Spiritual Life answered the call,

Who helped to enrich the church and the lives of all.

There were deacons, trustees, officers and members too,

Who have helped to make it stronger, steadfast and true.

Evangelistic meetings were held to bring in a few,

At such a meeting, P. P. Bliss was touched anew.

He was so inspired, that he wrote a song that night,

"Almost Persuaded," that has turned many to the right.

The results of this song can not be counted by man,

For its influence has spread over many a land.

Clinton Center Baptist church is very well known,

For from its influence other churches have grown.

Missionaries and Ministers have gone from here;

While others remained and helped the church they hold dear.

If these old walls could talk, they would tell us many things;

Some sad; many serious; while others happiness brings.

They would tell of laughing children and babies so sweet!

Of young people growing up, and how they chanced to meet.

Several might recall the old hall, with door at each end,

With women going in the south one, and the north by men.

There were a number thought this separation should not be,

So then as couples went in the north one for a remedy.

Across from the church a cemetery can be seen

A monument erected to our pioneers in '15.

Outside were sheds for horses, when families came to meeting.

Driving up to the large stone step, there was the usual greeting.

There were buggies, buck-boards and also three seaters too.

In winter - cutters, bob-sleighs and some others quite new.

Now the sheds are gone, and spruce trees make a lovely view;

For the invention of the auto is now nothing new.

In '31 the church was remodeled, as you see.

This modern look was due to the L. A. Society.

Generations have come and generations have gone,

There have been revivals, with many a glorious song.

As we look back over the years, we realize

What our forefathers handed down thru out their lives,

And think of this church standing firm these many years;

That it still has the same message for our listening ears.

Time moves on, and many changes here have taken place,

But the church does not change in its Saving Grace;

For as long as the world stands, there will always be

A need for a church with workers in the community.

Written by Verna (Curtis) Varcoe."

4. S. Robert Powell read three poems that were written by the Reverend G. Fay Crossman of Pleasant Mount, PA. The first poem, "That Old Kitchen Stove," was written by Rev. Crossman on 10-20-1982, and published in Volume I of WORDS OF LOVE (p. 19). That poem was followed by a reading of "Those Days of Old," and "No More Days of Old," both of which were written on 11-02-1984 and published in Volume II of Rev. Crossman's WORDS OF LOVE (pp. 67, 68).

Rev. G. Fay and Mildred (Blewett) Crossman are long-time friends of the Griswold family and have attended many reunions of the Griswold family but were not able to be at the 1986 Reunion.

5. Gertrude Gardner Snyder spoke up and said: "I remember coming over to visit Grandma Curtis and coming here to Church in a two-seated horse-drawn vehicle. I thought that that was grand.

Uncle Frank's. I used to come over here and pick berries at Uncle Frank's and make some money. I'd also come over when he was boiling maple sap, and when it was thick enough, we'd pour it over the snow and eat that, and that was good.

Years ago, sleigh riding. We'd go up to Terrell's and ride down on a bobsled, clear down to Curtis Corners, and that was fun.

And the watering trough. We used to go up there to get water."

Verla Arnold then asked: "Is there really a spring there? I went up there last year when our

water was not good in Honesdale and got water, but I found no spring. The water runs on top of the ground that runs in there."

John Rude: "There's a spring up there."

6. Edith Gardner spoke up and said: "Well, since I have the reputation of having a tongue that runs for 24 hours, I want to tell a little story of why Mabel and her family are here. When Gertrude was born, the Summer after she was born, my mother and her sister Lizzie, of course her name was Eliza, and Eliza's daughter, Bernice, who was a couple of years older than I, my mother and her three youngsters went to Pike County because they wanted to visit Mabel's mother and father, and when we were there they wouldn't let us out doors because they were afraid that some of the wild animals would come and catch us, so we stuck pretty close to the house and we enjoyed the Summer there, and I was old enough to enjoy something good to eat--as I did today--and Uncle James said: 'Well, today we have chicken,' and, of course, at that time our minister was supposed to have a very special dish, chicken, so we had chicken. And I like chicken. I like it today and Uncle James wanted to know if I should want something more to eat. 'Yes, more shicken.' Well, in nineteen, let's say, forty, I guess it was, we went West on a train, and when we got off the train, Mable's father, Uncle James, met us, and he said: 'Oh, we're going to have something for dinner that you like.' 'What is it?' Thirty five years later, and I said 'What're we going to have?' 'We're going to have shicken,' and we had chicken. 'Remember.' So that's reminiscence."

7. Verna C. Varcoe spoke up and said: "Well, I think we ought to tell about Aunt Amanda starting the church down in Blooming Grove. She was the one that started the Baptist Church there. Of course, that was in Pike County. I don't know whether she was married then or not, but she was a minister and also her husband was a minister."

Mable Patey Haven then added: "She (Amanda) was married at Grandpa and Grandma's, and somebody stole the cake."

Francis Curtis III: "Did they ever find the cake?"

Mable Patey Haven: "No. They didn't have a cake."

Francis Curtis III: "It wasn't one of those wild animals that took the cake, was it?"

8. Minna Olver Blair spoke up and said: "When we were young, my three brothers and I, we used to come to the farm, grandfather's farm, and spend the summer, and the boys worked in the hay field and helped and my earliest job was picking potato bugs for 5 cents a hundred. It wasn't the very best job, but it was work."

Verla Arnold then added: "My mother-in-law started that with her grandchildren, but she thought it was going to break her, so she decided to have 'em sprayed."

9. Margaret R. Rude spoke up and said: "I was brought up in Brooklyn, NY, and in the summer time I spent the Summer at my Grandma's in Aldenville, at the Gaylord's, and in the Summer I did all sorts of things, and I loved to climb trees, and I'd get up in a tree and sometimes I couldn't get down, and I was there, I could get up all right but I couldn't get down again. And I remember one day when I climbed up this tree out in the front yard--no, it was in the orchard--and I just had a grand time, and I got up there and I couldn't get down and my uncle saw me and he walked around and he did all these crazy things and he wouldn't come and help me get down, and I didn't like it at all, and finally I got down myself. I did get down. I got up."

10. Mable Patey Haven spoke up and said: "I might say that I spent, I think, almost a year with Aunt Lizzie. Aunt Lizzie was the oldest in the Curtis family--of Henry Curtis and his wife--and they built a beautiful, lovely home. As a child, I don't remember too much but I remember Uncle Alex always lived there and he put out boxes around where I could play house and I picked off this small one and that was my hair."

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CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY
Sunday, August 16, 1987

The 156th anniversary of the establishment of the Clinton Center Baptist Church was commemorated with a Clinton Center Pioneer Day on Sunday, August 16, 1987.

The day began with a regular worship service in the Church at 11:00 A.M., which was followed by a covered dish dinner in the Church basement. Alice and Norman Lund provided the baked ham and rolls for the dinner and everyone else brought a covered dish. As usual, a wide array of delicious dishes were placed before the Pioneer Day crowd. At 1:15 P.M., an historical program, under the direction of Alice C. Lund, Donald W. Powell, and S. Robert Powell, was presented in the sanctuary of the Church.

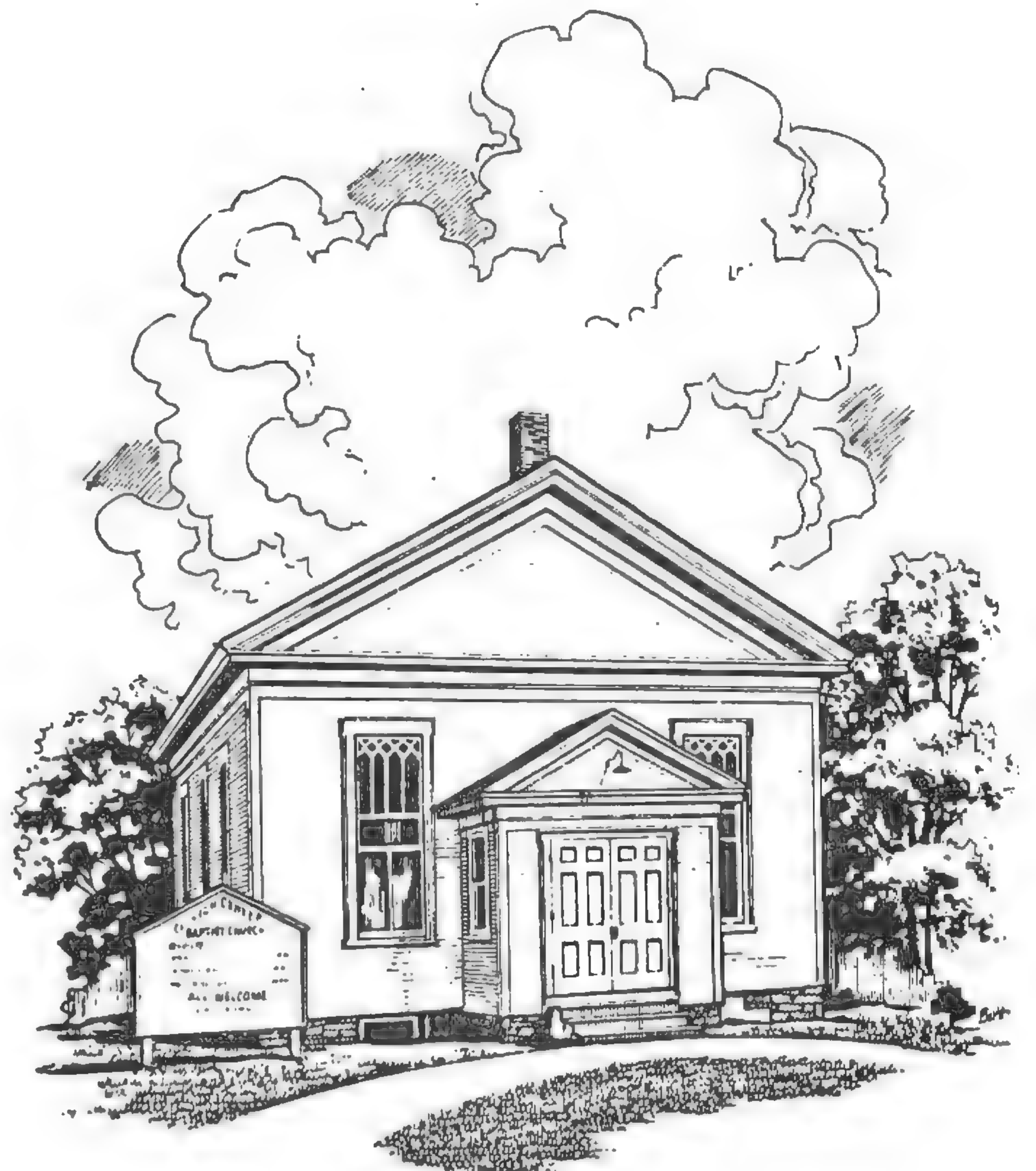
A facsimile of the program is given below:

HISTORICAL PROGRAM COMMEMORATING THE
156th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

Clinton Center Baptist Church

August 16, 1987

1:15 P.M.



WAYMART, PENNSYLVANIA

HISTORICAL PROGRAM

Prologue.....Pam Hudson, Piano
Welcome.....Rev. Richner
Prayer.....Rev. Richner
Hymn #28: Rock of Ages.....Congregation
Pioneer Day: the Beginnings.....S. Robert Powell
Special Music: Members of the Carbondale
Presbyterian Choir

11. Gertrude Gardner Snyder spoke up and said: "I'd like to say something for our President. One night I was listening to TV—Channel 16, I guess it was—and I heard Francis Curtis had given hay to go to South Carolina and I thought: 'Francis Curtis, well he must be related to me.' And he's the one who had this hay sent south and I think we should congratulate you." (See also, p. 3, number 4(h), herein).

Francis Curtis III then asked the question: When and where shall we hold the Griswold Reunion next year? After some discussion, it was moved (Alfred Shaffer) and seconded that the 1987 Griswold Reunion be held at the Clinton Center Baptist Church on Saturday, August 22, 1987, starting at 11:30 A.M. (Formal approval by the CCBC was granted on 08-02-1987.)

The 1986 Annual Business Meeting of the Griswold Reunion was then adjourned.

Following adjournment, the family gathered on the steps in front of the Church for a group photograph by Donald W. Powell.

CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY
Sunday, August 31, 1986

The 155th anniversary of the establishment of the Clinton Center Baptist Church was commemorated on Sunday, August 31, 1986, with a regular worship service at 10:45 A.M., followed by a covered dish dinner in the church basement.

At 1:15 P.M., an historical program was presented in the sanctuary of the church. The program is as follows:

CLINTON CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
PIONEER DAY PROGRAM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1986, 1:15 P.M.

David R. Watkins, Special Guest Pianist and Soloist
Prologue: Whispering Hope.....David R. Watkins
Welcome: Master of Ceremonies.....Richard Pazel
Opening Prayer.....Charles Curtis
Music.....David R. Watkins
America, God Still Loves You, God Bless America
(one verse). Congregation please join in.
Historical Paper.....Alice C. Lund
Fine Cut Glass, White Mills, PA
Hymn by Congregation.....David R. Watkins
America the Beautiful
Sense and Nonsense.....Alice C. Lund
Offertory Music (instrumental).....David R. Watkins
A Mighty Fortress; God of our Fathers
Free-Will Offering.....Foreword.....Alice C. Lund
Prayer.....Mildred Anderson
Vocal Selections, Carbondale Choir Members
Historical Paper.....Richard Pazel
What They Did
Music.....David R. Watkins
The Rose; I Was on My Way; He Looked Beyond My
Faults; I Am the Blame; We Shall See Jesus
Benediction

Solo,.....Brenda LaTourette

Hymn Sing, led by Rev. Richner, with Alice Lund,
Piano

Some Possibilities:

- 10: Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- 19: Faith of Our Fathers
- 77: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
- 99: In the Garden
- 140: Amazing Grace
- 283: Almost Persuaded
- 401: Bringing in the Sheaves
- 404: Come Ye Thankful People

Sense and Nonsense, prepared by Alice Lund and read
by Donald W. Powell

Speak Up: Does Anybody Have Anything to Say

Free Will Offering for the Maintenance and Upkeep
of the Clinton Center Baptist
Church.....Alice Lund

Offertory Prayer.....Rev. Richner

A History of Clinton Township.....Donald W.
Powell and Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder
This history was written for The Wayne
Independent Centennial Edition, Honesdale, PA,
February 4, 1978, page C43, there entitled:
"Clinton had a high school."

Announcements

Benediction.....Rev. Richner

Postlude.....Pam Hudson, Piano

1987 GRISWOLD REUNION

The 81st Annual Reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden took place at the Clinton Center Baptist Church on Saturday, August 22, 1987. The following persons signed the register: Helen Powell, Walter Powell, Francis Curtis, Crystel C. Gummoe, Amy Rude, John Rude, Verla C. Arnold, Norman S. Lund, LaVange Arnold, Fay Sosenko, Edith Gardner, Ann Tyler, Dorothy L. Olver, S. Robert Powell, Mildred Wright LaBarre, Eleanor Rude, Alice Lund, Fred Olver, Gertrude Snyder, Clarence E. Loomis, Ruth Loomis, Doris Mead, Helen Giles, Beatrice Bartholomay, Norvelle Curtis Kern, Wendy Kille, Gloria Johnston, Jane Shaffer, Alfred Shaffer, Mary Zollbrecht, Faith Curtis, Mary Curtis, Myrtle Curtis, Doris Howell.

Francis Curtis III, the President of the Griswold Reunion, welcomed the group and asked everyone to sign the guest register. Everyone then introduced himself to the group.

The minutes of the 1986 Griswold Reunion were presented by S. Robert Powell for Donald W. Powell, who was not able to be present at the Reunion. Donald Powell's carefully taken minutes for 1986 were presented, in handwritten form, and approved as presented.

The Corresponding Secretary/Historian, S. Robert Powell, then presented his report as follows:

1. DESCENDANT LIST. Following the 1986 Reunion, SRP incorporated all births, deaths, marriages and other genealogical information into the official list of descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold. On 12-05-1986, he produced six copies of the complete list and mailed them, on 12-06-1986, to the persons who ordered and paid for them at the 1986 Reunion: Ann Louise Curtis, Betty Pratt, John Rude (2 copies), Mabel Haven, Noreen A. Farrow. A copy of the list for Terje Steinso was ordered and produced but not mailed. The completely revised and updated 1987 descendant list will be mailed in its stead following the 1987 Reunion.

The following persons ordered the 1987 list at the 1987 Reunion: Verla C. Arnold, Helen Giles, Clarence E. Loomis, LaVange Arnold. Three persons requested only the list of

additions/subtractions/corrections for this year. Those three persons are: John Rude, Gloria Johnston, Jane Shaffer.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE 1987 REUNION. SRP reported that he had mailed out 203 sets of the two-page announcement/information sheet to family members and friends. In addition to announcing the 1987 Griswold Reunion, the announcement sheet announced the Clinton Center Pioneer Day on August 16, 1987. As usual, the Griswold Reunion Information Sheet was included in the announcement. These 203 announcements were delivered to the Carbondale Post Office on August 4, 1987. The breakdown on the mailing is as follows: Carbondale, 16; mixed Pennsylvania, 118; out of state, 68; foreign (Norway), 1 (mailed air mail, first class, on 08-05-1987, for \$.44).

3. QUESTIONNAIRES RECEIVED, CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & C.

a. The following persons, listed in no particular order, completed the 1987 Griswold Reunion Information Sheet and/or furnished the Corresponding Secretary/Historian with genealogical information to be incorporated in the 1987 Official List of Descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden: Jane Shaffer Kille, Eleanor Rude, Clarissa T. Sheehan, LaVange Arnold, Leeta Geuther, Clarence E. Loomis, Minna Blair, Marjorie Norton Walker, Claude Manaton, Janice Winters, Crystel Gummoe, Donald W. Powell, Mary Zollbrecht, Dorothy Olver, Verla Arnold, Francis Curtis III, John Rude, Alice Lund, and S. Robert Powell. Special thanks were extended to Clarissa Treat Sheehan, the Historian of the Henry and Clarissa (Gelatt) Arnold Reunion, by S. Robert Powell for her list of genealogical data from the Arnold Reunion. All of the data reported by these individuals will be incorporated into the 1987 master list and placed on file. Copies of the complete list will be mailed to those persons who ordered and paid for it at the 1987 Reunion (see #1, paragraph 2, of SRP's report, above).

SRP brought to the attention of the Griswold Reunion that two couples, both of which were present, had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries in the course of the past year: Dorothy and Fred Olver (January 20) and Helen and Walter S. Powell (April 10). Both couples then stood and were given a warm round of applause by the Griswold Reunion.

b. SRP reported that he had received the following Newsletters and correspondence from The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc.: Winter 1986-1987; Spring 1987, Bulletin No. 83; letter, dated March 4, 1987, asking for a commitment to attend the 1987 Annual Meeting and Reunion on October 2-4, 1987; letter, dated June 15, 1987, in which the national Griswold Reunion is announced for October 2-4, 1987, in Litchfield, CT, and the surrounding area (several information and commitment letters were included in this communication and were made available to family members).

The Winter 1986-1987 GFA Newsletter contains the October 4, 1986 Genealogists' Report, in which an oblique reference is made to the Clinton Township Griswolds. That reference is as follows: "We also have the descendants of John Griswold who went to northeastern Pennsylvania. However, we found another of his sons in New York State whose line is not included in their records. Few descendants in this group now bear the Griswold name so we are unable to include them in the later volumes (of Griswold Family of England and America)."

SRP: "I strongly object to the Griswold Family Association's decision not to include in the published volumes of Griswold Family of England and America the descendants of women who were born Griswolds. All descendants of George Griswold of Kenilworth, England, regardless of whether they descend from a male or female Griswold line, should be included in the published volumes of the family history. Apparently we will have to wait until a more enlightened philosophy prevails at the GFA before the descendants of women who were born Griswolds will be included in the future published volumes of

Griswold Family of England and America. For the time being, we will content ourselves, knowing that the GFA has received from me and has placed on file two copies of the official list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden of Clinton Township: one copy was sent on 03-26-1982 to Charles D. and Edna W. Townsend, and one copy was sent on 04-10-1985 to Robert and Esther French."

For additional discussion of this matter, see Volume I, Number 1 (August 25, 1985, p. 3) of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER.

c. On April 16, 1987, Leona Curtis Vaughn wrote to SRP and reported that she had just read the Clinton Center Pioneer Day and Griswold Reunion Newsletter for 1985 and found it "very interesting." In her letter, Leona reported that she had had three nice trips abroad in recent years: 1984, Panama Canal Cruise; 1985, China and Hong Kong; 1986, New Zealand and Australia. On the New Zealand and Australia trip, Leona took her daughter, Vivian Milliken, with her. "I was glad to get the newsletter. It's great that you take time to do this for I know it's work. Greetings to all my friends. Best wishes to you all. (Signed) Leona Vaughn."

d. SRP reported that two long-time friends of the Griswold family, Mildred and Fay Crossman, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a reception in the Aldenville Baptist Church on September 21, 1986. Mildred and Fay Crossman were married on November 9, 1921. The program of the reception contains the following text:

"We thank each friend and loved one
For your presence here.
You each hold precious memories
Of days of yesteryears.
We continue to praise the Lord and
Thank Him for His daily blessings.
Now when this day has ended
And each has gone his way,
The memories you leave with us
Will forever with us stay.

Love,
Mildred and Fay Crossman."

e. At the 1986 Griswold Reunion, SRP borrowed THE VISION GLORIOUS, a centennial report of the New York Conference of the Free Methodist Church, September 2-6, 1874, Brooklyn, NY, September 26-28, 1974, Beach Lake, PA (see p. 5, column 1, herein). SRP copied the references therein to Loren Stiles, Jr., and returned the book to Jane Shaffer on 10-07-1987.

Also, at the 1986 Griswold Reunion, Betty Pratt lent SRP pages 365-366 of the NORWICH VITAL RECORDS; also a sheet of information about a member of the Minkler family who married Lucinda Samson, the daughter of Anna Griswold (1766-1838) and Daniel Samson (see p. 5, herein). Betty Pratt's originals were returned to her on 10-06-1987 by SRP.

4. GRISWOLD PRIDE. "It is important that we, the Clinton Township Griswolds, know about and recognize other Griswolds and Griswold connections beyond the limits of Clinton Township. Virtually all Griswolds in America, after all, descend from the same group of English Griswolds who were established at Solihull, Warwickshire, England, prior to 1400." Saying which, SRP and other members of the Reunion made the following observations:

a. SRP noted that on October 10, 1886, Griswold Lorillard, at the Autumn Ball at Pierre Lorillard IV's hunting resort, Tuxedo Park, appeared in a "shocking" scarlet waistcoat and a dresscoat with no tails, and, therefore, was the first person to wear and to bring into the public eye the garment that we now know as the tuxedo. SRP showed the group a 22-page "Special Advertising Section" on the tuxedo ("The Tuxedo One Hundred Years of Elegance") that was published in The New Yorker in 1986, the centennial year of the tuxedo. SRP also showed the group a full page ad, entitled "Griswold did it," that was placed in The New York Times Magazine, Part 2, September 7, 1986 ("Men's Fashions of the Times") by After Six Formals. In that ad, a brief history of the tuxedo is given.

b. SRP showed the group an article, entitled "Florence Griswold, Old Lyme, and the Impressionists," that was published in the January

1982 issue (Volume 12, Number 10) of Smithsonian. In this article by John J. Tarrant, the author details the importance of Florence Griswold and her mansion in Old Lyme as a center for advanced American art during the early years of the twentieth century.

c. SRP also showed the group a 5" X 7" black and white photograph of a signboard near the entrance to the Mulberry Street bridge in Scranton that he took on July 31, 1987 at 3:00 P.M. The signboard reads: "We're Here Bee - gin your day with JACK GRISWOLD 6 - 10 a.m. WWAX AM 750 WAX-RADIO." The connection between Jack Griswold and the Clinton Township Griswolds has not yet been determined.

d. SRP showed the group two articles from Audubon magazine about George Bird Grinnell, the founding editor of Audubon magazine, sportsman, scientist, publisher, companion of Custer and Teddy Roosevelt, friend of the Cheyenne Indians and pioneer American conservationist. These two articles are: "Milestones" by Les Line; "A Man Called Bird" by John G. Mitchell. SRP then pointed out that Mary Emma Squire (1854-1948, m. Theron Orsemus Loomis, 1848-1911), an enthusiastic Griswold from Clinton Township, was a direct descendant of the Grinnells (and through the Grinnells, a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins); Mary Emma (Squire) Loomis' paternal grandmother was Beulah Grinnell (1788-1861), who married Horace Gilbert Squire (1788/9-1857). Beulah Grinnell traced her line of descent to Daniel Grinnell (1668-1740), who married Lydia Pabodie (1667-1748). The maternal grandparents of Lydia Pabodie were John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, who came to this country aboard the Mayflower in 1621. The Grinnell family was one of the important early families of Clinton Township and the family name is listed on the conglomerate stone at the entrance to the Clinton Center Cemetery. The precise relationship between George Bird Grinnell and the Clinton Township Grinnells has not yet been determined, although it is very likely that there is a direct family link.

e. In the article "Clinton had a high school" that was published in The Wayne Independent Centennial Edition, February 4, 1978, p. C43, the name of "our" John Griswold (m. Elizabeth Crittenden) is mentioned. "The following year (1813), Capt. Wm. Bayley came and bought 117 acres of Levi Norton. In the fall, John Griswold, Sr., and some of his family put up a log cabin near Rufus Grennell's, moving in in January." This article, which, in effect, is a history of Clinton Township, was read by Donald W. Powell and Gertrude Gardner Snyder at the 1987 Clinton Center Pioneer Day on Sunday, August 16, 1987, as part of the historical program that was presented in the Clinton Center Baptist Church, beginning at 1:15 P.M. on that day.

f. Amy Rude (Mrs. John Rude) pointed out that she is descended from one Griswold line and that she married into another when she married John Rude. Amy owns an extensive genealogy of her Griswold line and will allow the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion to borrow that genealogy and to make a copy of same for our Reunion's records. At this point, the exact connection between Amy's Griswold line and John Rude's Griswold line has not yet been determined.

g. SRP reported that there is a Griswold Law Library at Yale University, New Haven, CT.

h. Mary Zollbrecht (?) reported that there is a Hallmark card store, known as Griswold's Store, in the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City, NY. She also reported that there is a Griswold Street in Binghamton, NY.

i. Clarence Loomis reported that there is a Griswold, CT, and that there is a Fort Griswold in Grotton, CT. For information of Fort Griswold, see the Spring-Summer 1986 issue of the GFA Newsletter, pp. 9-12. Fort Griswold was built in 1775-1776 and was named after Deputy Governor Matthew G. Griswold of Lyme, later Governor of Connecticut (1784-1786). During the Revolutionary War, Benedict Arnold and the British fleet assaulted and captured Fort Griswold on September 6, 1781. The commander of Fort Griswold at the time was Colonel William Ledyard.

j. Eleanor Rude reported that her grandmother, Mary Paynter Loomis (Mrs. Francis Earl Loomis) was one member of the committee that selected the silver for the Clinton Center Church and had it engraved "CCC"--Clinton Center Church.

k. Norvelle Kern reported that there are Griswolds buried in Saint Paul's Cemetery, Westchester County, NY.

5. SRP read a poem, untitled, which begins with the following line: "A valley of quiet and peace." This poem was among a large collection of documents and papers about Clinton Township and its citizens that Lois Curtis allowed SRP and DWP to borrow and photocopy. That poem, which is signed "W.H.H.," is as follows:

A valley of quiet and peace
Smiles back at Moosic Range
Where Griswold's Gap its rough sides pierce
With lines that never change.

A road climbs to the mountain top
Past virgin woods, now rare,
And skirts the brink of a ravine
That ends abruptly there.

A rock by Nature hollowed out
Serves as a watering place -
A gift that Kind Dame Curtis made
To cheer the equine race.

Once mighty forests clad these hills
Thick laurel hid the ground,
Where wild beasts lurked in ambush dark
Out on their prey to bound.

High on the peak a hunter lived
Who braved the fierce wolf's den.
His daring deeds are handed down
By true historic pen.

The cruel wolf prowled through the woods,
The bear and panther too,
And killed the settlers' precious sheep.
Sad loss to country new -

When wool meant clothes and mutton food
In those scant early days,
With grim starvation ever near,
Privation pinched all ways.

It happened that a lamb thus chased
Jumped in its frantic fright
Into the arms of my own aunt
One dark and stormy night.

The dreamy valley seems at rest,
And sounds are mellowed here,
The wind blows gently, skies are soft,
And sweet content draws near.

At mountain's base a stream pours forth
From rocky deeps below,
And wanders through the valley's length
With strong unfailing flow.

A limpid pool at one place formed
Oft for immersion used,
And zero weather mattered not
To converts so enthused.

A rake broke up the forming ice
While they were plunged beneath,
Unhurried rites and quivering song
Went on with chattering teeth.

They walked unto a distant house
To change their frozen clothes,
While earnest hymns of joy and praise
From lips of friends arose.

And here an old time hostelry,
The Water Tavern, stood.
My grandsire's cabin one mile north,
And all between thick wood.

I knew this place from early youth,
And played about the farm,
The brook, the penstock, and the house,
Each had a special charm.

My old school teacher here had made
A happy home through life -
Her mate, a nature's nobleman
Devoted to his wife.

These genial souls who made this home
Were friends and helpers too,
They lived, they loved, devoutly worked
And died as Christians true.

Long years of conflict, pain and loss
In other scenes forgot,
Have not effaced but stronger made
My love for this dear spot.

W.H.H."

At the conclusion of SRP's reading, members of the family offered hypotheses as to the identity of the author, "W.H.H." Alice Lund: "The Hauenstein family lived about a mile from the Curtis Homestead." John Rude: "One of the Hauenstein women was a teacher of my father's at the Curtis Valley School." It was then suggested that the author of the poem might be Will Hauenstein.

Alice Lund also added: "It was my father, George Curtis, who had the watering trough put in. Russell Wildenstein protected it."

6. SRP showed the Reunion a copy of the article "Evelyn Bennett feels her one room school helped students learn from each other" which was published in the February 25, 1987 issue of The Carbondale News. The one-room school in question is the one that used to stand near the Clinton Center Baptist Church, the Farno School, in which Mrs. Bennett taught from 1919 to 1924. Beatrice Barthomomay taught in the Farno School for 15 years.

SRP then showed the group a second article from The Carbondale News on schools, entitled "Schoolhouses combined fun, education," which was published in the April 1, 1987 issue (p. 14) of that paper. This second article is an interview by Matt Reavy of Freida Drobnicki of Waymart, who graduated from the 8th grade at the Farno School. Mrs. Drobnicki's teacher was Dorothy Curtis Hornbeck.

7. SRP next showed the Reunion the "Can you identify this MYSTERY FARM? Mystery Farm #17" from page 4 of The Carbondale News of March 4, 1987. The photograph in question is an aerial photograph of the Clinton Center Cemetery and the Clinton Center Baptist Church. Readers of the News able to identify the "Mystery Farm" were asked to phone or write the paper. The owner of the "farm" to receive a free color photograph of his farm by calling the newspaper. In the March 11, 1987 (p. 18) issue of the paper, the names of 13 persons who contacted the paper and correctly identified the Clinton Center Cemetery and the Clinton Center Baptist Church photograph were published. Those 13 persons are: Florence Robinson, William Ogden, Francis Hoeftling, Vlad Koropchak, Victoria Booth, Georgianne Reed, Walter Powell, Timothy Boots, Freida Drobnicki, Clara Montone, Gail Fox, Sam Fox, and M. Williams.

8. Gertrude Gardner Snyder then read the poem "Eulogy to the Old Wedding Hat." This poem was located by SRP among some papers that belonged to Lois Norton Curtis. The author of the poem is unknown but was doubtless a Clinton Township person because there are several explicit references in the poem to Clinton Township. That poem is as follows:

EULOGY TO THE OLD WEDDING HAT

Old hat, how quickly the years have passed and gone,
Fifty years ago in 1851
You figured in this vanity fair,
Then you were trim and neat and handled with care,
Now so shapeless at you people stare.

In a bandbox you were with care put away,
And worn occasionally, and on a Sunday
With a silk bandana you were proudly brushed:
Alas! now you are slighted, completely crushed.

From place to place you are tossed and kicked about,
All forget you have seen better days no doubt;
For you nobody has respect or pity,
Once you proudly bowed to the pretty and witty.

In those days when you were so handsome and gay,
Lived a young lad on Bethany hills far away;
In'tricks Tom Twist could not beat him in his day.
Far better than books he loved his fun and play.

When his father was taking the gospel light
Over this rough cold country and away at night,
When the rest were fast asleep and it was late,
From bedroom window he would steal way to skate.

At somersaults he could turn heels over head,
Or head over heels as easy people said.
At wrestling he could do the town boys up brown;
Finally the circus wanted him for a clown,
But then, his good pious father called him down.

One night however, as he just crawled in bed,
His father came home and to his mother said,
Where's son? I'll go and see his mother replied,
With candle bright held above his eyes she tried
His face to scan; it was so serene and mild
She merely thought it hard to suspect the child.

But she had scarcely gotten out of his sight
When the lucky truant boy giggled outright.
'It was hard to snore and keep my eyes shut tight,
With mother looking straight at me with that light.
Golly! I'm thankful I could that gaze endure
For I have escaped one good flogging for sure.'

Once father away he thought he would dare
At night to slip away to the village square;
For a rough and tumble, plans had all been laid,
For a jolly good time with the Boys' brigade;
Of his mother's slippers he was not afraid.

But in the midst of his fun he felt the grip
Of a strong hand; quickly for home he did skip;
But it was not the grip that made his bones ache,
It was the bad medicine he had to take.

But later in life he sobered quietly down
Regularly he came to church at Clinton town.
And there from the choir midst furbelow and lace,
He chose a maiden adorned with modest grace.

Then he traveled over hills, not with gospel light,
But with light in his heart, and one stormy night
As he was walking along so big and swell
Some careless one left uncovered a deep well
Right in the middle of the road, and in he fell.
At this the timid beau would quickly appall,
Nothing so trifling could thwart his purpose at all.

And this is how it all came about old hat,
From the store you were bought, and this glove and that;
Then old hat when you were so trim and neat,
The guests were invited, the knot tied, and all complete.

Old hat! your career was then merely begun;
Since, you've figured on the stage to please everyone.
First to represent the dandy so trim and fine,
Then the quack doctor who dealt out his quinine.
After that you were reduced to a lower state,
The yankee peddler took you and you served first rate
As he peddled his notions and sought for a mate.

Then lower steps took you down, down,
And finally you represented nothing but a clown:
Now old hat, do not think it a great sin,
If these uncles, aunts, cousins and friends at you grin.
This is the NEW CENTURY, 1901,
And your eventful career is almost done;
We will bid you a merry, merry good-night -
Then we will tuck you in the rag-bag out of sight.

At the conclusion of Gertrude Snyder's reading of this poem, Alice Curtis Lund asked Edith Gardner: "Did Grandmother Curtis write that?" Edith Gardner: "I can't answer you that." Alice Curtis Lund: "I have a copy of it in Grandmother Curtis' handwriting."

Thus ended the report of the Corresponding Secretary/Historian.

SUPERLATIVES

The determination of the annual SUPERLATIVES was then done by President Curtis. The results are as follows:

Youngest: Mary Curtis, age 4 (born October 3).

Oldest: Norman Lund (91 on January 29); also LaVange Arnold (90 on January 25), Edith Gardner (90 on July 8).

Farthest distance traveled to get to the Reunion: Clarence and Ruth Loomis (235 miles from Rhode Island to Honesdale and then 12 miles from Honesdale to Clinton Township).

Shortest distance traveled: John and Amy Rude.

Most from a single family: Alfred Shaffer family (5 members: Alfred Shaffer, three daughters, one granddaughter).

Most Reunions attended: Edith A. Gardner

1987 FINANCIAL REPORT Donald W. Powell, Treasurer

The financial report for 1987 covers the period from the 1986 Griswold Reunion (08-23-1986) up to and including the 1987 Griswold Reunion (08-22-1987). After expenses were paid following the 1986 Griswold Reunion, there were \$203.04 in the account. At the 1987 Griswold Reunion, \$119.00 were collected.

The following expenses were incurred at the 1987 Griswold Reunion:

1. \$20.00 to Alice and Norman Lund for the ham;
2. \$20.92 to reimburse SRP for the cost of having printed the announcements for this year's Reunion;
3. \$17.76 to reimburse SRP for the cost of mailing out the 1987 announcements (#2, above);
4. \$25.00 to the Clinton Center Baptist Church for the use of the building for the Reunion;
5. \$10.00 to the Clinton Center Cemetery to help meet the cost of maintaining the Cemetery.

The total of those expenses is \$93.68. The balance in the treasury, therefore, is \$203.04 + \$119.00 - \$93.68 = \$228.36.

The cost of printing and mailing this issue (Volume I, Number 3) of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER has not yet been deducted from the balance given above of \$228.36.

THE FLOOR IS YOURS: SPEAK UP!

1. John Rude spoke up and said: "I'm one of the five directors of the Clinton Center Cemetery Association, across the street here, and each year for the last three years we've gotten \$10.00 from the Arnold Reunion. I got the check for this year just two or three days ago. I think that if we get enough money in today, I don't think it would hurt if we gave a donation to help in the upkeep of the Cemetery—and the expense of that keeps getting more each year.

Francis Curtis III then added: "I think I can agree with you. I'm president of our cemetery association and costs are going way up, and so I think that's something we should consider."

S. Robert Powell: "Maybe we should have a motion to that effect?"

It was then moved (SRP) and seconded (Norvelle Curtis Kern) that the Griswold Reunion make a donation to the Clinton Cemetery Association whenever the Reunion meets at the Clinton Center Baptist Church. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. SRP thanked Florence Robinson and Elizabeth Jones for their help with preparing for the Griswold Reunion and for serving as intermediaries between the Griswold Reunion and the Clinton Center Baptist Church.

3. SRP thanked the Table Committee and Mary Tyler, Ann Tyler, Donald W. Powell for their careful work. He also thanked John Rude for the flowers that were on the tables. The flowers, unbeknownst to John Rude, were picked by Ann Tyler, Mary Tyler, Donald W. Powell and S. Robert Powell from the roadside near the John Rude farm on 08-21-1987.

4. SRP: "In keeping with our President's suggestion that members recall earlier Griswold Reunions that they attended, I wonder, Edith, if you can remember the first time you came to the Griswold Reunion."

Edith Gardner: "I can remember coming, but I can't honestly tell you that I remember the first time. My memory is pretty good. I live in the past, as you know. At that time, we had to hire a horse and carriage or what have you, in Carbondale, and drive over."

John Rude then added: "The horse sheds were right out here by the spruce trees. The Farno School was our here, just across the brook, on the South side of the Church, and the Farno Post Office was in the house up here on the North side of the Church, and when they baptized the people, I can remember they had a concrete foundation down in there to dam the water up, just East of the bridge."

Alice Curtis Lund, Norvelle Curtis Kern, and Beatrice Curtis Bartholomay then spoke up and said that they were baptized in the creek "out here" (i.e., next to the Clinton Center Baptist Church).

5. Alfred Shaffer spoke up and thanked the Lord for all that He has done for us all during the past year.

WHEN AND WHERE FOR NEXT YEAR?

It was moved (John Rude) and seconded (LaVange Arnold) that the Griswold Reunion next year (1988) be held at the Clinton Center Baptist Church on the third Saturday (the 20th) of August. Family members are asked to bring their own table service.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2-YEAR TERM 1988-1989

The present officers of the Griswold Reunion were re-elected, namely:

President: Francis Curtis III
Vice President: John R. Rude
Secretary/Treasurer: Donald W. Powell
Corresponding Secretary/Historian: S. Robert Powell
Table Committee: Elizabeth Jones, Eleanor Rude, Ann Tyler

Francis Curtis III then congratulated the Powell brothers for doing annually what they do for the Griswold Reunion. The Powell brothers were then given a round of applause by the Griswold Reunion.

ADJOURNMENT AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

Photograph by SRP. Eight persons requested and paid for copies of the group photograph: Beatrice Bartholomay, Helen Giles, Mildred LaBarre, Doris Mead, Jane Shaffer, Gloria Johnston, Mary Zollbrecht, and Verla Arnold.

JUST FOR THE RECORD

Just for the record, Volume I, Number 1 (08-25-1985) of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER contains:

Minutes of the 1984 Clinton Center Pioneer Day (the 153rd, 08-26-1984), pp. 1-2.

Minutes of the 1984 Griswold Reunion (the 78th, 08-26-1984), pp. 2-5.

Volume I, Number 2 (08-23-1986) of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER contains:

Minutes of the 1985 Clinton Center Pioneer Day (the 154th, 08-25-1985), pp. 1-6.

Minutes of the 1985 Griswold Reunion (the 79th, 08-25-1985), pp. 6-10.

TAPE RECORDINGS

Audio tape recordings of many of the recent Griswold Reunion business meetings and Clinton Center Pioneer Day historical programs exist. In the collection of Donald W. Powell are audio recordings of the Griswold Reunion business meetings for 1978, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986; S. Robert Powell owns a tape of the 1987 Griswold Reunion business meeting.

Tape recordings of the historical programs of the Clinton Center Pioneer Day in 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 are in the collection of Donald W. Powell.

PREPARING FOR 1988'S GRISWOLD REUNION

This year's Griswold Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 20, 1988, beginning at 11:30 A.M., at the Clinton Center Baptist Church, Waymart, PA. Mark the date on your calendar now! Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish as well as his own table service. If you would like to bring friends with you (even though they are not Griswolds), please feel free to do so. For additional information about the 1988 Griswold Reunion, telephone either Donald W. Powell (717-282-5197) or S. Robert Powell (717-679-2979), or write to the Powell brothers at: Post Office Box 161, Carbondale, PA 18407.

In addition, start now to gather together information and/or objects that relate to the Griswold family that you can bring to the Reunion with you and share with the group: letters, photographs, souvenirs, any papers that relate to Clinton Township, and so on. We look forward to seeing you at the 1988 Griswold Reunion.

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(2) the minutes of the 157th Clinton Center Pioneer Day, August 21, 1988 (pp. 6-8), as taken down by S. Robert Powell.

82nd GRISWOLD REUNION
Saturday, August 20, 1988
Clinton Center Baptist Church
R. D., Waymart, PA 18472

The 82nd annual Griswold Reunion began with a half-hour registration period, beginning at 11:30 A.M. The following 36 persons signed the registration book: Donald W. Powell, John V. Buberniak, Mary Zollbrecht, Alfred Shaffer, Eileen Bessette, Gloria Johnston, Jane Shaffer, Edith A. Gardner, Gertrude G. Snyder, Mildred E. LaBarre, Amy R. Rude, John R. Rude, LaVange Arnold, Fay Sosenko, Gertrude Loomis Schaffer, Verla C. Arnold, Helen R. Powell, Amy Schermerhorn, Dorothy Olver, Fred Olver, Helen Giles, Doris Mead, Judith Blair, Minna Blair, Eleanor Rude, Jill Schermerhorn, Laura Schermerhorn, Mary Schermerhorn, William Schermerhorn, Ray E. Grace, Walter S. Powell, S. Robert Powell, Beatrice Bartholomay, Patricia Lawrence, Myrtle Curtis, Doris Howell. At 12:00 P.M. a covered-dish dinner was served.

Following the dinner, the annual business meeting of the Griswold Reunion took place. The meeting was called to order by Donald W. Powell, in the absence of the President, Francis W. Curtis III. Donald welcomed all family members and friends to the Reunion and reminded everyone that this was the 82nd annual reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. DWP to Edith Gardner: "Were you here at the first Reunion?" EG: "I presume so, but I can't exactly remember it." Donald then polled the group to identify the oldest members and determined that LaVange Arnold and Edith Gardner were both 91, the former born on January 25, 1897 and the latter born on July 8, 1897, which means that LaVange Arnold was the oldest member in attendance. The third oldest person present was Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder, age 89, born on February 11, 1900; the fourth oldest person present was Myrtle Curtis, who was born on November 7, 1901; the fifth oldest person present was Fred Olver, who was born on February 12, 1902. The youngest person present was Laura Schermerhorn, age 16.

The persons who traveled the shortest distance to arrive at the Reunion were John and Amy Rude, who traveled 1 1/4 miles. Those who traveled the farthest were Minna and Judy Blair, who traveled 146 miles.

The family with the most persons present was the Rude family, with seven members present; next was the Alfred Shaffer family with five members present. The person who attended the most reunions was Edith Gardner.

Donald then showed the group the first minute book of the Griswold Reunion, and again reminded everyone to make sure to sign the guest book. Donald also showed the

group some photographs from the early Pioneer Day celebrations and the early Griswold Reunions.

Donald was asked by Dorothy Olver where the beautiful flowers in the church basement were from and he pointed out that the majority of them came from Robert Powell's garden in Elkdale, and that the flowers would remain in the church for the Pioneer Day celebration on the following day.

Donald then turned the floor over to S. Robert Powell who gave his report as Secretary/Historian of the Griswold Reunion, as follows:

Report of the Secretary/Historian

1. The complete list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden for 1987: over 100 pages in length. At last year's Reunion, Verla C. Arnold, Helen Giles, Clarence E. Loomis, LaVange Arnold ordered the complete list. Those copies were mailed out on January 5, 1988. Copies were also mailed on January 16, 1988 to Clarissa Sheehan (the historian of the Arnold Reunion) and to the Steinsto family in Norway, who ordered a copy of last year's complete list but did not receive it. Three persons wanted the up-dated list for 1987: John Rude, Gloria Johnston, and Jane Shaffer. Those copies, plus one to Clarissa Sheehan, were mailed out by the Secretary on January 16, 1988. SRP then pointed out that he had extra copies of the 1987 update with him at the Reunion and those copies were then passed out to all interested persons. In updating the descendant list there are always confusions that occur because of duplication of names (father and son with the same name, for example). After last year's Reunion, Robert got help from Crystel C. Gummoe (who helped clarify some confusion with the Cook and Muzal families), Verla C. Arnold (who helped clarify some confusion with members of the Cowger and Bodick families), and Elwin Walker. (At Christmas 1987, SRP wrote to Marjorie Norton Walker to ask her help with information on the sons of William Curtis Norton and Ruth Loeser, namely: William Curtis Norton, Jr., born 02-23-1951; Henry Sheldon Norton, born 02-26-1952. The question to be answered: Who are Christie, David and Anna Norton? The children of William, Jr. or Henry? Alice and Norman Lund reported to Donald and Robert Powell on their 1987 Christmas card that Marjorie Norton Walker had died around Thanksgiving 1987—a month before SRP had written to her to ask her help with this Norton question. On August 18, 1988, Elwin Walker wrote to SRP to report that Marjorie Norton Walker had died on November 20, 1987.) Robert publicly thanked Crystel Gummoe, Verla Arnold and Elwin Walker for their help in these matters.

2. CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER (Volume I, Number 3, August 20, 1988). Robert announced that 200 copies of this 12-page (11 1/2" X 17") newsletter were mailed out from the Carbondale Post Office to all family members in January 14, 1988. The newsletter represents hundreds of hours of work and in this issue are published the minutes for the 1986 Griswold Reunion, the 1986 Clinton Center Pioneer Day, the 1987 Clinton Center Pioneer Day and the 1987 Griswold Reunion. One hundred and twenty went to various places in Pennsylvania, 65 went out of Pennsylvania, 14 went to Carbondale, and 1 went to Norway (via boat, January 17). Also on January 21, 1988, Robert mailed out eight 5" X 7" copies of the group photograph that was taken of the group by SRP at the 1987 Reunion. The persons who ordered, paid for (\$2.00) and received this photograph are as follows:

Beatrice Bartholomay, Helen Giles, Mildred LaBarre, Doris Mead, Jane Shaffer, Gloria Johnston, Mary Zollbrecht, and Verla Arnold.

Robert then asked all persons who were interested in receiving either a complete copy of the 100+ page descendant list (\$5.00, to cover the cost of xeroxing and mailing) or a copy of the additions/corrections (the new material for this year) to this list to sign a paper that he circulated among the group. Mary Zollbrecht and Minna Blair ordered copies of the complete list (which were mailed on November 30, 1988). The addition/corrections list was requested by John Rude, Mary Zollbrecht, Gloria Johnston, Patricia Lawrence, Verla C. Arnold, Mildred E. LaBarre. (Copies of the 1988 update were mailed to those persons, plus one copy to Clarissa Sheehan, on December 1, 1988.)

Robert then asked that anyone who wanted a copy of the 1988 photographs that Donald took of various groups of family members as they arrived at the Reunion to sign a photograph request list, which was circulated about the room. Ten people requested photographs and paid \$3.00 for the cost of the prints and mailing: Beatrice Bartholomay, Jane Shaffer, Gloria Johnston, Mary Zollbrecht, Patricia Lawrence, Verla C. Arnold, Doris Mead, Helen Giles, Mildred E. LaBarre, Gertrude Schaffer.

3. Announcements for the 1988 Griswold Reunion. The Carbondale News (8/10/88, p. 9), The Forest City News (8/11/88, p. 10; also in the same issue was the announcement, on page 3, of the Clinton Center Pioneer Day on August 21, 1988), and The Wayne Independent (8/9/88, p. 5A) all published the release that Robert mailed to them, on 08-05-1988, about the Reunion. Also announcing the Reunion, Robert mailed out to everyone on the mailing list on July 29 the two page Griswold Reunion announcement: one page is the questionnaire and the other is the actual announcement. One hundred and eighty-three copies were mailed on July 29th: 15 to Carbondale, 106 to various places in Pennsylvania, 62 to out of state members, 1 to Norway. Robert then asked for all additions/corrections to the mailing list of the Griswold Reunion, and passed a sheet for that purpose.

4. Questionnaires and correspondence received containing information to be incorporated in the 1988 descendant list:

- Elwin Walker (see #1, above)
- Betty Arnold
- Alice and Norman Lund
- Rose Curtis Withol (Pompano Beach, FL), who sent a newspaper clipping from The Miami Herald entitled "Smitten for Life Pair Wed Yet Again." On May 26, 1988, Rose and Al Withol recited their marriage vows for the third time; two years ago they recited their vows, 60 years ago they were married. Included with the clipping were some photographs of Rose and Al Withol, including one in which Rose is shown with her 88th birthday cake, and one in which she is dressed as Pocohantas and Al as Chief Red Tomahawk. In these costumes, they won second prize at a Medical Center Mardi Gras party in 1988.

- Patricia Lawrence
- Mrs. Dino C. Young
- Robert and Nancy (Hungerford) Bostwick, who reported that Emily Clarkson Bostwick was born on her great grandfather's (Dwight Rude) birthday, August 18; Nancy has a sister who was also born on August 18th.

- Mr. and Mrs. Larry Buckingham
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Freiermuth
- Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winters
- Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stiles
- Mildred E. LaBarre
- Leeta Geuther
- Crystal C. Gummoe
- Clarence E. Loomis
- Clarissa (Treat) Sheehan; the historian for the Arnold Reunion.

- Esther Patey Forsberg, who wrote on 08-16-1988: "Thank you for sending me the notice of the Griswold Reunion. I would sure love to be present at the Reunion this year and meet my cousins. I was there in 1938, and Mother and I stayed with Uncle Milo and Aunt Harriet, and family and then I met several cousins of Aunt Laura and Aunt Augusta's. My daughter, Geraldine, who teaches at New York University, plans to come for two weeks and will arrive in Spokane on the 20th of August... If there are any relatives who live near New York City, I'm sure she would love to meet them. Sincerely, Esther Patey Forsberg."

- John and Dorothy Gardner; their daughter Donna was recognized for her paper "Family History," and some of the information that she used in doing her paper was from the minutes of the Griswold Reunion.

- Jane Shaffer
- Mary Zollbrecht
- Elwin Walker
- Mr. and Mrs. John Rude
- Doris Mead
- Verla C. Arnold, who has a clipping about Charles Griswold, who was Vance Griswold's great, great grandchild, and she will get that clipping to Robert
- Gertrude L. Schaffer
- Mary Schermerhorn
- Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Curtis
- K. G. and Betty L. Pratt
- Gloria Johnston
- Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cook
- Francis Curtis III (who DWP and SRP ran into at the Sterling-Greene-Dreher Fair on 08-30-1988, and who reported a birth in the Curtis family)
- Mrs. John W. Rebernik
- Mrs. Calvin Arnold
- Edith A. Gardner
- Gertrude G. Snyder
- Donald W. Powell

Robert then thanked again all the above named persons. On the basis of the information received from those people, Robert will produce an updated list of family statistics for 1988 and also an updated complete list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden for 1988.

In addition, Robert showed some newspaper clippings that he either cut from the papers himself or which were handed to him:

- Scrantonian, 10/25/87, p. A3: "People of Peace: the Unobtrusive Quakers Are Alive and Well in Region"; article by Ron Davis about Ralph and Marie Curtis, Sterling, PA

- note from Patricia L. Peltz: "Appreciate your keeping me up to date with Griswold Newsletter. It's great! Check for \$10 enclosed."

- February 5, 1988 letter from Leeta Geuther: "I received the Newsletter of the Griswold Reunion and the Clinton Center Pioneer Day. Thank you so much. It is very interesting. I was unable to attend the Reunion in 1987 as I was in the Philadelphia Hospital for a hip operation. Time will tell whether I can attend this year. Thank's again for the Newsletter. I am enclosing a check for \$5.00 for sending the Newsletter."

- March 5, 1988: Esther Forsberg sent a large brown envelope. "I was so happy to receive the report of the Curtis Reunion in August of 87. My sister Mabel Haven and daughter Betty from Oregon were able to be there and I wish I could have been there with them. I have a letter, dated August 26, 1904, from my mother, Amanda Curtis Patey, which she received from her Aunt Julia, whom she often spoke of. In this letter, Julia speaks of her daughter, Julia Morgan, and I am sending you GRIT, which tells about Julia Morgan as architect of the Hearst Castle in San Simeon, California ("Hearst Castle Mania," by Ray Hamilton and Al Elmer, GRIT, January 3-9, 1988, p. 21)... Mother used to talk about her Aunt Julia and a Morgan living in Hollywood, and we visited there in 1938 in her home. I believe that she mentioned that she had designed the lights for the Hearst Castle." Robert then passed around the newspaper clipping on Julia Morgan as well as a copy of the 1904 letter from Aunt Julia to Amanda Curtis Patey.

Here is a typescript of that letter:

"Sun A.M. Aug. 26 - 04

Amanda, My highly respected & loved niece; -

I have been a long time getting here with you - that is getting a copy of the Banning history ready to send you and a chance to sit down quietly and have a talk on paper. The family seven of them have gone up to ch.(urch) Uncle James and myself are here alone - last Sun. we all went. Mr. Card from Hawley exchanged with Mr. Gibson - in the evening the children had their time - the house was full to overflowing, and over six dollars raised for the work. Will sent me the letter you wrote him recently. I was much pleased to read it. All I have read yet from Augusta is the first one she wrote to be sent all around - it was full of special interest. I sent her a copy of the history soon as I read it but have rec'd no word regarding it, so I fear she has not rec'd it. Your father and mother came to uncle E. K s to dinner last Fri - and here to supper. The visit was all too short. Your father seemed real well also your mother - our tongues just run while they were here. I'm glad indeed that your lines have fallen to you and yours in such pleasant places. May it always so continue - and may the good work always prosper in your hands. Your parents attended the unveiling of the Meredith Monument; it was a big time for old Wayne; about five thousand people present. Do you know that Lizzie and Hattie (your sisters) attended commencement exercises at Lewisburg? Such is a fact. I fear you will feel disappointed when you read the history

at not finding more account of your work in this part of the state - but I had to curtail every thing as much as possible: as I found it a big job before completing it and it made Hattie about sich to copy it, as she had only her noon hour to work on it because she has no type writer at her home. She could not do as many as was necessary to reach around but I am hoping that sometime she will feel able to get out another edition so that all can have one who would like to get one. It is quite a compensation to me to hear from those rec'ing one so many kind words of appreciation you father is greatly pleased with it and said he did not see how I ever got so much together about our antecedents, he left a substantial token also in the shape of a dollar bill. So many have expressed a desire to remunerate me I have told them I would accept a small sum say 50 (cents) to cover actual outlay for stationery &c and it comes very good. I suppose you know that Wayne Asso. meets at Aldenville this yr. I hope all who come can be well provided for as regards entertainment; it is so centrally located that there is always a large attendance. We shall do our best whether all demands are met or not. If we keep reasonably well it will turn out all right. What a terrible disaster on the east river that of the burning of the excursion boat the Slocum and what terrible things are occurring all the time Well my dear girl I must bring my writing to a close and set about getting dinner for a hungry family of nine. Do you know that cousin Dr. John Curtis has a daughter and Julia (my Julia) Morgan a son. I shall have to add an appendix to the history if it keeps on - Uncle E. K. is better Aunt Effie is real well Aunt May just keeps around - they are expecting a crowd to spend the fourth all their children & wives &c - Harry Haight Thorne is still in Eng. Friend & family are living in Philadelphia. Gilbert is not very well he expects to go to a hospital to be treated for rupture. Effies health is not first class. Augusta does not meet with much success in getting some one to go to Alaska but it will come sometime. Let me hear from you soon kindest regards to your husband & a kiss for the little ones. Aunt Julia."

John Rude: "I remember that visit. She stayed with Aunt Harriet and Uncle Milo but she also got over to see Aunt Laura and Uncle Will. My grandfather took her to the Wayne County Fair that year." John Rude also reported that he had heard from the Brudos family earlier in the day: "We were talking with Darwin and Eleanor, that would be Earnest and Pearl's son and daughter-in-law, and this week they are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. They will both be 90 years old this fall. William Van Tassel Curtis and Francis Curtis went out west with a fellow by the name of E. K. Norton and a load of pigs. They were going to the Chicago Fair and then to the Saint Louis Fair. When they got to Chicago, the land boom was on for South Dakota, so Francis and William decided that they were going to homestead and they went to South Dakota and they homesteaded. They had to live on their piece of property for a year and it would be theirs. So they built a sod hut on the line between the properties and the bed was placed so that the center of the bed was on the line and they both slept in the same bed to keep warm. Francis Curtis came back here and married a Stanton and that's Frank up here and Myrtle's father-in-law, but William, he stayed out there and he married a Mary Peterson, and they raised seven girls and he said that he was blessed with daughters and cursed with sons-in-law, and one of his daughters is Pearl, and she married a Brudos, and that's how they are connected... My father retired from school in 1959. In 1961 he started going to South Dakota and he went there for nine years and hunted pheasants with the Brudos family. The Brudos family and the Peterson family are both Scandinavian. The last year that the Reunion was at the Ridge Farm, the Brudos were here, both Earnest and Pearl and Darwin and Eleanor and their two children." SRP: "Tell us more about the Ridge Farm pigs." John Rude: "E. K. Norton raised pigs and every year he would take a train car load of pigs, first to the Wayne County Fair, where he would take red, white and blue ribbons. He would then take them out to Chicago and then to Saint Louis and then sell them on the auction block. These were gilts. And then he would come back. And every year he would take local people from the area to take care of the pigs. And then E. K. Norton's pigs had hog cholera and they lost all their pigs. And we have a field over on the farm in the pasture that they call the graveyard lot, because that's where they buried all the pigs. These were Yorkshire pigs, and up until a year ago we had a picture of Black Rose and Black Diamond, which were the pigs that started the whole line. And I have two ribbons, I could have brought them with me, that he won at the Chicago Fair. The date on the ribbons is 1885 I believe. After the pigs, the Nortons raised horses." SRP then added: "I can't resist telling you, while we're on the subject of blue ribbons, that I won 17 of them at the Wayne County Fair this year on chickens; a couple

kinds of Wyandottes, Orpingtons, Australorps, Buttercups, and some others. I have always liked birds and now I'm raising chickens." SRP also reported that he raises Flying Tippler pigeons, which fly for 15 to 20 hours at a time and then land on the coop. It's an English breed of pigeons and they are trained for long-time flying. SRP: "I've also recently decided that I like Guinea Hens and so I have a bunch of them now, and a banty hen hatched out five more Guinea keets yesterday, so I've got quite a collection."

Regarding the Julia Morgan/Hearst Castle clipping, Edith Gardner remarked, on 03-15-1988, to SRP: "I could be wrong, but Julia Morgan lived in New Britain, Connecticut. She was the daughter of Dr. Curtis in Hawley."

Fred Olver: "I used to have a good time on my grandparents' farm. It was not far from Creamton Corners; if you were going to Rude's, it would be 296 down across the hollow, the other side of the hollow before you come up the next rise where you go down the incline and then turn right into Rude's road, it was the farm that sits off the road up to the left."

—GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. The Clinton Township Griswold Reunion is a member of the Griswold Family Association of America and every year we receive newsletters from the national organization. Richard and Evelyn Griswold are the editors of the national Newsletter. In the course of this past year we have received two newsletters; Bulletin 84, November 1987; Bulletin 85, May 1988. All of the Clinton Township Griswold information that is contained in the complete list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden has been reported to the national organization and included in the last volume of the published history of the family.

—ELECTION OF OFFICERS: We elected officers for a two-year term last year and those same persons will serve again for the coming year. They are:

President: Francis Curtis III
Vice President: John R. Rude
Secretary/Treasurer: Donald W. Powell
Corresponding Secretary/Historian: S. Robert Powell
Table Committee: Elizabeth Jones, Eleanor Rude, Ann Tyler

GRISWOLD PRIDE:

This procedure was begun last year, and we must continue to record items about the Griswolds on a national level.

John Rude reported: "Jerry Pratt, Honesdale. His son Pratt's Showcase, where they sell paint and wallpaper and so on just before you enter Honesdale. Jerry's mother was a Griswold. In my wife's genealogy, she is also related to the Griswolds. Her branch of the family goes back to a town up there in the New England states, and our branch goes back to the same town. In her history it says that she goes back to one Griswold in that town and we go back to another and they haven't yet figured out if they are related. My wife has the complete genealogy." SRP: "Yes, I think that that is the genealogy that we have been going to get up and have a look at for over a year now." Amy Rude: "It's there, but when we moved up to the big house from the little house we packed it up and we haven't found the box we put it in yet. But it's there." SRP: "Sounds to me like you need Edith Gardner's help. She is a wonderful organizer, she could help you out." John Rude: "And I also want to say one thing. If it hadn't been for you and your brother, I think that the Griswold Reunion would have dwindled away at the time it was so small in the Grange Hall and there were only 8, 9 or 10 people attending. You two boys deserve all the credit for building it back up." The Reunion gave the Powell brothers a warm round of applause in appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the Griswold Reunion. SRP: "Thank you very much. It's a labor of love. It's a nice thing to do." John Rude: "Well it has to be. There's no pay in it."

THE FLOOR IS YOURS. SPEAK UP!

Fred Olver: "I started coming to the Reunions when I was three or four years old. We lived at 58 Canaan Street then and we're still there. Until I was three, we lived at 32 Canaan Street. For three years I didn't come to the Reunion because I spilled the gravy."

Amy Rude reported that she attends the Walrath family reunion in Cooperstown, NY, and that that Reunion has been going on for 118 years. LaVange Arnold reported that the Arnold Reunion has been going on since shortly after World War I. "We had about the same number there

this year that we have here today. We had a real good time and no deaths in the reunion. There were no deaths in the family this last year and we have that to be thankful for. We hold it in Lakeville and that's because most of the family that attends are from that area. It's in the Community Hall next to the Church... My grandson wanted to come to visit us one time and he wanted to know if he could come and I said yes, but you've got to come to the Reunion with me if you do. So he didn't know what a reunion was. He said, 'What is that?' So I explained to him what it was. We came down to the Reunion. It was at Maple Grove at the time, and that boy was actually shaking. He was scared to death. He didn't know what a reunion was. He never had seen the family together like that. His mother's family didn't do that, and his father's family was all here. So we brought him down and when he went home he was so pleased, he said 'Why everybody there was related to me somehow or the other and they were all so nice to me. I was so glad you took me down there.' And there was a picture taken, and I have the picture and he's been trying to get it away from me ever since because it has his picture in it. He's the boy with the long hair and the beard in the picture."

Fred Olver: "My brother Harold is now 94 and he was president of this Reunion for three years in a row. He lives in Florida and he has just written his autobiography. It's quite a work. We'll make sure you get a copy."

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION:

Treasurer's Report by Donald W. Powell

An empty tea pot served at the collection plate. Robert reminded the group of some of the expenses that are incurred annually. The printing of Volume I, Number 3 of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER, for example, cost \$190.74; mailing fees (bulk rate mailing) to send out copies of all persons on the mailing list were \$17.00, plus \$.77 to send one copy to Norway. After the 1987 Reunion, we had \$228.36 in the Treasury. The expenses incurred in printing and mailing this year's Newsletter totaled \$208.51, leaving a balance in the Treasury after the production and mailing of the

Newsletter of \$19.85. There were several donations to the Griswold Reunion after that time, plus interest on the total in the account, giving a balance in the account before the 1988 Reunion of \$81.63.

The following bills were submitted for payment at the 1988 Reunion: \$20.63 (the expense of printing and mailing out the announcements for this year's reunion), \$12.00 (membership renewal in the Griswold Family Association of America), \$25.00 (to the Clinton Center Baptist Church for the use of the building for the Reunion), \$10.00 (to the Clinton Center Cemetery). It was moved by John Rude, with a second by Judy Blair, that we pay our bills. The motion carried. \$112.00 was collected in the tea pot at the 1988 Reunion.

WHEN AND WHERE FOR NEXT YEAR? It was moved by John Rude and seconded by Eleanor Rude that the Reunion for 1989 take place on the third Saturday of August at the Clinton Center Baptist Church.

SRP: "Before we adjourn, I'd like to tell you that we have a collector of a very unusual item in our midst. You may not know about this collector. Beatrice Bartholomay is quite a collector. Tell us about your collections."

Beatrice Bartholomay: "I collect pens and pencils with advertisements on them. At my last count I have two thousand four hundred and some. I finally have gotten all of the presidents. I have them in shoe boxes up in the attic and I have it marked on the cover of each one how many are in that box." SRP: "So, if you're ever driving through Waymart and you need to make a note of something and you wonder who's got a pen, stop at Center Street and I'll bet you can find a pen to borrow. Maybe if you have some unusual pens in your top drawer and you wonder what to do with them you should give them to Beatrice."

It was then moved by LaVange Arnold, with a second by Fred Olver, that the 1988 Griswold Reunion be adjourned. The motion carried.

GRISWOLD REUNION

VITAL STATISTICS UPDATE, 1988

Presented hereafter are the Births, Marriages, Deaths and Achievements of members of the Griswold family, which either took place since the 1987 Griswold Reunion or were reported for inclusion in these records at the 1988 Griswold Reunion.

The data given in each category (Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Achievements) are reported in sequence in terms of the six sons of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden, namely: John, Francis, Orrin, Sumner, Horace, Sedate. That is to say, for example, the births in the Francis Griswold line are given before the Sumner Griswold line births. The six lines are identified in column 1 as: John (J), Francis (F), Orrin (O), Sumner (S), Horace (H), and Sedate (SE). The numbers in column 2 are the pages in the 1988 official list of descendants whereon these data for 1988 are incorporated.

The following persons, listed in no particular order, furnished the Corresponding Secretary (S. Robert Powell) with these data, and he synthesized them and incorporated them into the 1988 official list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden: Crystel C. Gummoe, Verla C. Arnold, Alice C. Lund, Jane Shaffer, Jeffrey Curtis, K. G. and Betty L. Pratt, Mrs. Robert H. Sheehan, Mrs. Calvin Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Al Wihtol, Patricia Lawrence, Mrs. Dino C. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bostwick, Mrs. Larry Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Freiermuth, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stiles, Mildred E. Labarre, Leeta Geuther, Clarence E. Loomis, Esther Patey Forsberg, Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner, Mary Zollbrecht, Elwin Walker, Mr. and Mrs. John Rude, Doris Mead, Gloria Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cook, Francis Curtis III, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Mary Schermerhorn, Mrs. John W. Rebernik, Edith A. Gardner, Gertrude G. Snyder, Donald W. Powell, and S. Robert Powell.

Without the help and cooperation of all of those persons, the Corresponding Secretary could not have produced this "Griswold Reunion Vital Statistics Update, 1988," and we are pleased to express here our thanks to all of them for their contributions. Special thanks are here extended to Clarissa Treat Sheehan, the Historian of the Arnold Reunion (Sumner Griswold line), for her detailed report of the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Achievements for 1988 from the Henry and Clarissa (Gelatt) Arnold Reunion of July 24, 1988.

BIRTHS

DEATHS

F	7a	04-19-1988	William Michael Brothers
F	19	08-22-1988	Erin Brianna Broskie
F	19a	03-08-1988	Evan Bryce Curtis
F	22	07-06-1987	Amber Lynn Schaffer
F	40a	08-18-1987	Emily Clarkson Bostwick
F	44	02-01-1988	Amanda Louise Johnson
F	44a	?	Shaun Michael Toay
F	48	07-02-1983	Jennifer Lynn Eroh
F	48	06-24-1988	Amanda Emily Eroh
F	51	01-27-1988	Natalie Sue Carney
F	51	05-17-1988	Joseph Michael Carney
F	52	01-16-1988	Robert Louis Winters
S	61	09-20-1988	Zachary David Hopkins
S	69	01-11-1973	Tracie S. Freiermuth
S	69	01-15-1983	Troy G. Freiermuth
S	74	07-18-1988	Rebecca Lindsay Schroll
S	80	04-04-1988	Jordan Bliss Treat
S	85	07-31-1988	Samantha Nicole Townsend
S	86	09-19-1987	Sarah Ruth Gummoe
S	87	01-20-1988	Barena Sue Lint
H	92a	01-16-1988	Diona C. Young
H	96	02-29-1988	John Charles Griswold

F	20	05-20-1987	John W. Rebernik
F	21	08-12-1987	Henry H. Schaffer
F	34	11-20-1987	Marjorie Norton Walker
F	42	01-05-1988	Franklin B. Gelder
F	47	12-19-1986	Ralph Giles

MARRIAGES

F	3	09-21-1988	Donald W. Powell divorced himself of H. A. Brown
F	7a	?	Charlene Kelleher and William Brothers
F	19a	10-03-1987	Jeffrey Scott Curtis and Theodosia Edith Sherman
F	20	08-27-1987	Joseph Kenneth Loomis, Jr. and Fatos Elibir
F	21	05-28-1988	Karen Sue Warner and Eric Phillips
F	22	08-29-1987	Linda Schaffer and Charles Canfield, Jr.
F	38	05-26-1988	Rose and Al Wihtol renewed their marriage vows for the third time, on their 60th wedding anniversary
F	40	10-17-1987	John Remsen Rude II and Robin Kay Northacker
F	44	05-01-1987	Doris Lorraine McClennan and Ricky Linn Johnson
F	44a	?	Elizabeth Marie Ryan and John Toay
F	45	09-05-1988	David John Forsberg and Susan Diane Broyles
F	51	04-06-1987	Clint Carney and Annette Price
F	52	12-11-1987	Scott Winters and Ellen Beecher
F	52	02-10-1988	Kevin Gerald Stiles and Becky Amorate Grant
S	63	06-18-1988	Karen Geuther and Robert Graham
S	64	04-23-1988	Christine (Kozak) Wilson and James Whorton
S	74	02-02-1988	Lynton M. Schroll, Jr. and Wendy Dymond
S	83	02-??-1988	Terri Treat and Bob Harris
S	86	07-29-1988	James L. Gummoe and Georgina Meagher

ACHIEVEMENTS

F	6	Michael D. Loomis is attending the U. S. Navy Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA
F	11	Dale Geuther graduated from Forest City Regional High School in June 1988
F	17	Leslie Buckingham graduated from Wallenpaupack Area High School in June 1988, and is now attending Bloomsburg University (her great grandmother, Louisa Bayless, was a graduate of Bloomsburg College)
F	20a	Kimberly Ann Peterlin graduated from Forest City Regional High School in June 1988
F	21	Karen Sue Warner graduated in August 1987 from Robert Packer Hospital as an X-ray technician and is now employed at Tyler Memorial Hospital
F	33a	Donna M. Gardner graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology and received the RIT Kearsce Award
F	33a	Gwen E. Gardner graduated from St. John Fisher College
F	37	Wendy K. Girard graduated from the Annandale High School, Annandale, VA, on June 15, 1988, and is presently enrolled in Northern Virginia Community College
F	47	Nathan Giles graduated from Honesdale High School as the Valedictorian of his class in June 1988
F	50	Jane Shaffer graduated as a Nurse's Assistant in November 1987 from a Nurses' Assistant Course
F	51	Susan Carney earned her Nurse's Cap in June 1987
F	53	Richard, Andrew and Donald Stiles--the children of Davy Richard Stiles and Linda J. Olver--won an essay contest sponsored by THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT on the topic "Why Should Your Mother Be Named Mother of the Year" and their mother, Linda J. Olver, was named "Mother of the Year" for 1988
S	85	Carl Dunn graduated in June 1988 from Western Wayne High School and is now attending Wilkes College

* John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden had six sons: J = John Griswold (m. Louisa Johnson) line; F = Francis Griswold (m. Jane Loomis) line; O = Orrin Griswold (m. Lois Deming) line; S = Sumner Griswold (m. Clarissa Gelatte) line; H = Horace Griswold (m. Louisa A. McKnight) line; and SE = Sedate Griswold (m. 1, Julia Burns; m. 2, Nancy) line.

CLINTON CENTER PIONNER DAY
August 21, 1988, 1:15 P.M.
Clinton Center Baptist Church, R. D. 1, Waymart, PA

Rev. Arthur J. Richner, Pastor
Mrs. Ruth Hauenstein, Piano

Pioneer Days Historical Program Committee: Alice C. Lund (Chairman), Donald W. Powell, S. Robert Powell, Rev. Arthur Richner.

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THE 157th ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL PROGRAM

Prelude: a hymn played on the piano by Ruth Hauenstein.

Welcome by S. Robert Powell: "Good afternoon, and welcome to this Clinton Center Pioneer Day, the 157th anniversary of the founding of this church. We are here today because 157 years ago, 24 very courageous people got together and decided to establish a church here in Clinton Township, and I think it's very important that we hear their names again. The 24 people who founded this church: Rufus Grennell, David West, Reuben Peck, Ovid Grennell, Sylvester E. North, Jasper Grennell, John Reynolds, William Bayley, Michael Grennell, Jonathan Sanders, Olive Norton, Sally A. Peck, Harriet Norton, Anna Grennell, Susanna Gaylord, Amanda North, Joanna Gaylord, Ruth Kenyon, Beulah Blanding, Lydia Campbell, Phoebe Grennell, Elizabeth Marshall, Caroline Walter, and Elisabeth Wilmot. We're here today because those 24 people took a stand 157 years ago and decided to establish this church. This church has had 157 of glorious history. May it have at least that many more, and many times that again more. We have an interesting historical program today. We'll be hearing about Rev. Henry Curtis, one of the very important early ministers in the church, one of many important people associated with this church. We'll be hearing about Eliza Banning, who married Henry Curtis. We'll also hear some other historical facts. We'll begin with a prayer by Rev. Arthur Richner."

Rev. Arthur Richner: "Let us stand together as we unite our hearts in a moment of prayer. Our great God and our heavenly Father, we come into your presence today in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We come today, Father, giving thanks today for thy goodness and for thy grace and for thy mercy which thou has poured down upon us. Indeed we are a privileged people. We thank you, Father, that you have sent your son, the Lord Jesus Christ, that he came into the world and we beheld his glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and full of truth. We thank you that this love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts and we rejoice and we give thanks unto you for all thy bountiful blessings. Lord we thank you for this church, we thank you for those 24 men and women who, many many years ago, had the vision, called to God, determined that they would build a church for this community in order that the glorious Gospel, the liberating saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, might be proclaimed throughout this community. And Father we thank you and praise you for the men and the women who labored hard for many many years, who sacrificed much, in order that they could have a place where they could worship you, who could have a place where they could bring up their children in the fear, in the admonition and in the instruction of the living word of God. And Father, how thankful we are to know that our labor in the Lord is never in vain, and because of their faithfulness we know that there has been a great outreach, their witness has gone forth throughout the earth, and we give you thanks and we give you praise for them. And Father we would be remiss if we did not remember also those who work and labor with us in this venture and who are preaching the gospel of Christ and who support the efforts of this church. And we just pray that you would have your hand with us and upon us as we seek to know your will and do those things that ever bring glory and honor to the name of Jesus Christ. And so we pray that there will exist among us that spirit of love and determination and a spirit of not my will be done but thy will O God, may it be done. And we will give you praise and glory in Jesus' name. Amen and Amem. You may be seated."

SRP: "Now that you have had two seconds to sit down. Let's stand up and sing again. Hymn #404: Come, Ye Thankful People Come. All four verses."

Rev. Richner: "Before my sister, Mrs. Ruth Hauenstein and I, sing a duet, I have a letter that was just placed in my hands from the First Baptist Church of Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

Pastor, Officers, and Members of Clinton Center Baptist Church. Dear Friends in Christ: The Pastor, officers and members of the First Baptist Church of Honesdale join in extending their most sincere and hearty congratulations to you and to your people on reaching such a significant milestone in the history of your church. You are to be commended for the faithfulness and the dedication of your leaders and their willingness to fulfill God's will on the paths of the people through the years which has made possible these 157 years of service to your God and the people of our surrounding area. We are happy to be a sister church in the Wayne Bridgewater Baptist Association and thus a fellow worker with you in this great task to which God has called us. We rejoice that His blessings have been upon your efforts, bringing you this happy and important moment. We will continue to pray that the richest blessings and betterments of the Almighty will continue to be realized upon your efforts for Him. May your commemoration of these 157 years of service be but a stepping stone to the enlarged service that you will render in the coming years. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost (Romans XV: 13). Sincerely in Christ, First Baptist Church, Honesdale, Pennsylvania, George W. Stanton, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ralph E. Reed, Pastor." We're happy to have Ralph with us today, and we thank him for these words of encouragement and again we give you thanks.

At this time, Ruth and I will sing a song entitled "You Are Here." "

SRP: "In the course of the 157 years of rich history of this church, there have been three missionaries from this church, and I would like to tell briefly something about each of them before we hear from Alice Lund on Rev. Henry Curtis. Three missionaries have gone out from this church:

AUGUSTA G. CURTIS, who graduated in 1891 from the first class of the Baptist Institute of Philadelphia. She worked with blacks in Franklinton, North Carolina, and in the Baptist orphanage in Kodiak, Alaska; also with the Crow Indians in Montana; in later year she was Director of Missions of Wayne County. She died at the age of 94.

AMANDA CURTIS PATEY, who graduated from the Moody Bible Institute. She was instrumental in organizing the Blooming Grove Baptist Church in Pike County, PA. She did evangelistic work in Puget Sound, Washington, and in Alaska.

NETTIE LOOMIS GRAHAM, who graduated from the Christian Allinace School in Nyack, New York, and who went to China in 1919. She was home on furlough 8 years later. Upon her return to China she married Rev. Graham. Later they were driven out of China by the communists and the Grahams retired to Canada.

Three extraordinary women. Three missionaries from this church. Another extraordinary lady who is associated intimately with this church is seated behind me, Alice Curtis Lund, and Alice will now speak to us in an historical paper about her ancestor and about a very important man in this church and in this township, Rev. Henry Curtis."

Alice Curtis Lund: "I think also we should remember Clistia Belva Curtis. Clistie was married to a chaplain, Gordon Hawley, and she and Gordon are buried in Arlington Cemetery. I believe she was also ordained. She went from this church.

I have been a member of this church since 1916. Before that I came to the church in my mother's arms. My parents preserved this church and worshipped here all their lives, as did their parents and grandparents. That goes: George Curtis, Henry B. Curtis, and Rev. Henry Curtis. And we're going to talk today about Rev. Henry. He was the first full time pastor of this church. There were two part time before him. The church was organized in 1831, and Rev. Henry came in 1832. Rev. Henry Curtis was born in Illstone, Leicestershire, England, October 11, 1800. He was the youngest of twelve children and bore his father's name. This is the first generation that doesn't have a Henry Curtis. All the way down through there has been a Henry Curtis. The family was associated with the Congregationalists and his mother was a devoted member of the denomination. She raised her family in a pious manner in morals and religion. It was through her prayers that the life of her youngest son was led toward the ministry. The family migrated to America in 1812, settling on a farm near Gilbertsville, Otsego County, New York, and both parents were removed by death within a period of two years. Henry lived a short time in Norwich, then, with an older brother went to New York City and was apprenticed to a cabinet maker. At the age of 16 he was led to feel the need of a personal saviour and the following year was baptized in the Oliver Street Baptist Church where he became an active

worker. In this church he was licensed to preach in 1824. It was in this year that he was married to Eliza Benning. He left New York this same year and settled with the Windsor and Colesville Church, now called Harpersville. It was in this church that he was ordained. He was pastor here for seven years. In the autumn of 1832, he received a call from the Bethany and Canaan Church, now called Clinton. He accepted the call, sold his farm, and moved his family to Bethany where he purchased the home in which they lived for 13 years. The family now consisted of four sons and two daughters. At this time, a farm was decided on and one purchased on the West Branch of the Lackawaxen, at Edenvale. There also was a schoolhouse down Edenvale, near where his farm was. The farm was later owned by the Gillow family. His labors to Clinton covered 14 years and during this time the church enjoyed three general revivals. His residence in Wayne County covered 35 years, where he preached at Bethany, Clinton, Carbondale, Damascus, Lebanon, Berlin, Ashland, Berlin II, Aldenville, Paupack Eddy (now Hawley), Palmyra, Lackawaxen, Barryville, Shohola, and Jackson in the Bridgewater Association, and he was instrumental in starting many of these churches. He was instrumental in starting the church at Aldenville, the church in Hawley, and for many years he worked in Carbondale in the Baptist Church over there. His field during the last five years extended over a distance of 30 miles. The nearest, 14 miles from his residence. Bad weather never prevented him from keeping an appointment. He was known to go when the roads were considered impassable. During his entire ministry he baptized over 1,000 professed believers. All his children were baptized by their reverend father and were settled in life before his departure. With the Clinton church he preached his first sermon in this state and in the fellowship of this church he died. His death came August 13, 1867, in the 67th year of his life. Rev. Curtis was a man of more than ordinary ability and of very considerable intelligence. His mind was clear in its perceptions, firm and immovable in its convictions. He was eminently acquainted with the Scripture. His preaching was instructive and useful. Rev. Curtis was a man of sterling religious character whose labors were so abundant, whose life was so useful. He nurtured this church in the early years of its growth. We, as his descendants, are proud to carry on the work he began in this church he served so well."

SRP: "Thank you Alice. Shall we stand now and sing another hymn. Hymn #310: Near the Cross. All four verses."

SRP: "An annual--and very enjoyable--portion of these Clinton Center Pioneer Day historical programs is the moment when Alice Lund shares with us some "sense and nonsense." In her readings and in the course of her life throughout the year, Alice collects these statements of sense and nonsense and she has a list of them and you will now hear Alice's 1988 edition of "Sense and Nonsense."

Alice Lund: "A future, without the best of the past, isn't worth anything."

No one has ever created a great thing suddenly.

It's nice to be important but more important to be nice.

Many of us have the right aim in life, we just don't get around to pull the trigger.

The reason that worry kills more people than work does is that more people worry than work.

There has never been a statue erected to the memory of someone that left well enough alone.

The one who sows seeds of kindness enjoys a perpetual harvest.

Nothing turns out right unless someone makes it his job to see that it does.

Following the path of least resistance makes both men and rivers crooked.

The only way to save face is to keep the lower end of it closed.

A man can not touch his neighbor's heart with anything less than his own.

A speaker ought to be the first person to know when he's through.

Don't let your pride be inflated, you may have to swallow sometime.

No man has a right to do as he pleases unless he pleases to do right.

When your outcome exceeds your income, your upkeep is your downfall.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt, as young as your confidence, as old as your fear, as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the control place of every heart, there is a recording chamber. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer and courage, so long are we young. When the wires are all down, and your heart is covered

with the snows of pessimism, and the ice of cynicism, then and then only are you grown old.

I want only the chosen few, who stood through good and evil too.

True friendship's test: who only choose to see the best. And then, as only true friends can, forgive the rest."

SRP: "Thank you Alice. Some words to live by, I'm sure. Some of those words we should all take very seriously. Some of them we should laugh at.

Alice Lund will now speak to us for a moment about the free will offering that we will take in a few minutes, and the purpose of this free will offering and the importance of the offering."

Alice Lund: "First, a lot of thanks to the people who have been so kind and faithful in working for Pioneer Day. There are so many that do so much and they get no thanks. I'm so glad that you all came today and I hope you get something out of the service.

We have been doing a pretty good job, I think, with what we take in for our Pioneer Day. We've been keeping the church up, the building, and it isn't easy, an old building like this there's always something to be done. Now, this money that you have been giving so freely is keeping the church up. None of it is spent for any other purpose. We'll take the free will offering now. Give what you feel you want to."

Music on the piano as the offering plates were passed, and then the Doxology. Rev. Richner: "Father, we give you thanks for this part of the worship service that we can offer to you our tithes, our offerings, our gifts. We thank and praise you for the gifts that you have given us, and now we express our love for you. It is but a token, Father, of what we feel and how thankful we are for the blessings that you have bestowed. So bless the gift and the giver. In Christ's name, Amen."

SRP: "We're very happy to have with us today some fine voices from the city of Carbondale, and they will now share their musical talents with us."

Carbondale Choir: Lynee White and Tony Mascaro, with Pam Hudson (granddaughter of Elizabeth Jones) at the piano:

"Beyond the Sunset"

"Jesus the Saviour of Mankind"

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

SRP: "Some of you may wonder, how on earth are the Powells connected to Pioneer Day. The Powells don't even live in Clinton Township. The family used to live here. Let me tell you how it all works out. My mother, Helen Russell, married Walter S. Powell. Helen's mother was Ora E. Loomis, and she married William Anderson Russell. Ora's parents were Theron Orsemus Loomis and Mary Emma Squire, and they lived up her "under the hill," as the saying goes. Mary Emma's father, Alvin Loomis, was one of the people who helped build this church. Theron's father was Hiram Loomis, who married Laura Griswold, and there are Griswolds from one end of the township to the other. Hiram had a brother, Erastus Loomis, who married Mehitabel Muzzey, and they lived in the house out here next to the church, where the Sanders family now lives, which used to be the Farno Post Office. Erastus Loomis and Mehitabel Muzzey gave this land, this very land where we are located right now, to the Clinton Center Baptist Church on July 14, 1846. So you see, there are some very direct connections between the Powells and this church. The family moved from Clinton Township in the 1880's, when Theron Loomis and Mary Emma Squire moved to Carbondale, and this branch of the family has been Carbondale based for the past one hundred or so years. But for the hundred years before that they were very intimately a part of this township. So it has been a great pleasure for my brother Donald and I (Donald had to leave before the program today; in the program it says that I am Donald, but I am not. My name is Robert) to work with Alice and others on these historical programs for several years. It's a great pleasure.

We've heard now about Rev. Henry Curtis. Let me tell you now a little bit about the Banning family and about Rev. Henry Curtis's wife, Eliza Banning. She wasn't Elizabeth Banning, I might add, (as given in the printed program), she was Eliza Banning.

THE BANNING FAMILY
(author of this text unknown; copy among the papers of the
late Lois Norton Curtis)

"John and Mary Banning of the city of Reading, Berkshire, England, came to this country in the year 1818, and settled in the city of New York.

Mary, his wife, was married to him at the age of sixteen, and he was then a widower with grown up children. His business was that of a shoe manufacturer, and he employed quite a number of workmen. He was a modest, unostentatious man, and highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors, as was shown by the attention paid him as he with his oldest son stood on the rear of the stage ready to depart from his town, to sail for America. The street was filled with people who gathered to pay their last respects to him, and the picture of his figure as they moved away waving an adieu was vivid to his oldest daughter Eliza, who after a period of 60 years related the incident with emotion to her children. He came over with his oldest son (John) and the remainder of the family (wife and nine children) came in the same vessel on its next trip. He was seven weeks on the water, and the rest of them five. Sailing vessels then only were known. (A letter written by him on his arrival at New York and sent back to his wife is still in possession of some of the Olivers and a copy would be exceedingly interesting to insert here.) Also a view opposite the home in Reading painted by Frederick Scatcherd, and presented to Eliza Banning, but now in possession of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Haight.

Of John Banning's antecedents nothing is known. Mary Banning was of noble birth—the great great grandfather was Lord Arthur Hamblin, who engaged in a rebellion against the government, the actual fight occurring October 5th, 1715. He owned a large estate which was confiscated on account of the above mentioned facts.

With the hope of recovering the estate, Mary Banning, who with her husband were at that time Congregationalists, had her children christened by a rector in the parish church, so as to have their names recorded in a book of the church of England.

John Banning, Sr., died April 17, 1820, of consumption.

Mary, his wife, died July 4th, 1851. John Banning, Jr., M. D., died July 6th, 1823, in Charleston, S.C., of yellow fever. He was married to Maria Wells, who after his death married a Mr. Booth. John Banning was a student of Dr. Valentine Mott.

Eliza Banning Curtis was born in Reading, England, Oct. 19, 1801. Came to this country 1818. Was baptized in the Oliver St. Baptist Church in New York City by Rev. John Williams, 1819. Married to Rev. Henry Curtis March 13, 1824. Died at Aldenville, Pa., May 26, 1879. She was the mother of eight children.

Maria Banning was married to Frederick Scatcherd. Died Nov. 7, 1859. She had three children - Sarah Chichester, Maria Rhodes and Charlotte Demeray.

Harriet Banning married Jacob Van Tassel. Died Sept. 27, 1875, at Tarrytown, aged 72 years. Had two children, William and John.

Caroline Banning married Thomas Kelland. Had two children, Jane and John. Died.

Alpheus Banning, born March 2nd, 1809. Married Miss Jane Cochran, Feb. 20th, 1833.

Mary Banning, born Sept. 21, 1812. Married to Frank Nash. Had four children - Mary Buck, Daniel, Frank, and Susan Buxton. Married James Lock 1856. Died July 21st, 1887.

Elizabeth Banning, married Wheelock Corby. She was born Jan. 2, 1815. Was married when she was 16 years old. Had ten children, six girls and four boys (1 pair of twins). She died Aug. 15, 1870. "Ane never was there one better than She or more lovely." A. B. Corby.

Emma Banning, born Aug. 31st, 1816. Married Joseph Oliver, Dec. 31st, 1833. Died Apr. 21st, 1881. Had six children - Joseph, John, Frank, Mary Emma Peck, Fannie Serples, and Mardie Hendrickson.

Sarah Banning, born May 1st, 1814. Married to John W. Avery, Feb. 1831. Had eight sons. Died May 6th, 1886."

SRP (continued): "And so we have that brief bit of information about Eliza Banning, the wife of Rev. Henry Curtis. Some of those names you will recognize, others are less familiar. Let me read to you now some other important names. This very important cemetery across the street from us holds the earthly remains of hundreds and hundreds of the pioneers and their descendants. It also holds the earthly remains of many American soldiers. Let me read to you the names of those soldiers:

REVOLUTIONARY WAR: Levi Norton, Michael Grenell, John Griswold

WAR OF 1812: Erastus Holcomb

CIVIL WAR: Joseph Bennett, Horatio Bennett, H. M. Bunting, Jefferson Goodrich, Emmet Bennett, John

Griswold, David Gaylord, Daniel Leonard, Jonathan Lillie, Milton Lillie, Sr., Ensign McMullen, Jolin Neely, William Ogden, James Snedeker, Anson Wheeler, James Yarnes, Charles Williams, S. S. Drake, Alvin Squire, Jobez Walch, George Spangenberg.

WORLD WAR I: Warren P. Norton, Neal Downtramer, Dr. Clyde Kern, Dr. Ray Tooley

WORLD WAR II: Robert Neal Arnold, Merton Geuther, Reed Giles, Calvin Arnold, William Anderson, Frank Breidenstein, Alfred Cookson, Paul Ihlefeldt, Ray McAvoy, Russell Loomis.

I'm sorry that I don't have any information on the Korean War or the Vietnam War. If someone could help me out with that information after the program today, I would appreciate it. I think it's very important to hear the names of these soldiers for America.

We will not have a duet by Dick and Ruth Pazel, as printed in the program. Instead, we shall have some music in the form of a hymn. Let's turn to Hymn #212: My Hope Is Built. All four verses."

Rev. Richner: "Let us pray together. Father, we again thank you for this afternoon, for this time when we can remember, remember the past, the things that have been accomplished. And Father, we thank you for each one that has come. We thank you for the wonderful time of fellowship that you have allowed us to experience together this day. We thank you for opportunities to be new people. And Father, we ask your blessing on each one, we pray that you would go with us to our homes, and to our neighborhoods, and father we would pray that we would be able to continue and carry out the desire of those who settled this community long ago. We pray that we might be inspired by their courage and their convictions and that we too might have strong commitments and convictions as they had to the work and the ministry of Christ and to the proclamation of the good news and the love of Jesus and that we might go forth from this place desiring to share that with our brothers and sisters in Christ and those that have never heard about Jesus. So again, we thank you for this opportunity to be together and for the things that we have heard. We rejoice and give you thanks. We ask now that the love of God and the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit will rest and abide upon each one now and forever more. Amen."

Postlude by Ruth Hauenstein on the piano:
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CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY 1989

The Clinton Center Pioneer Day celebrations that have taken place in the Clinton Center Baptist Church in recent years would not have taken place were it not for the dedication, hard work and devoted service of Alice (Curtis) Lund to her church, the Clinton Center Baptist Church.

Each year a free will offering for the maintenance of the church building was collected at the Historical Programs organized by Alice Lund at each Clinton Center Pioneer Day. As a result of those offerings, the following repairs/improvements to the church building have been made: the church was roofed, the church was painted, the big windows were repaired and repainted, the floors in the sanctuary were varnished, the north wall of the basement was repaired, the basement was painted. The funds collected at last year's Clinton Center Pioneer Day are in the church's treasury and are designated for the repair of the front steps of the church.

Again this year, Alice Lund volunteered to organize and carry out a Clinton Center Pioneer Day celebration (covered-dish dinner following the morning worship service, followed by an Historical Program in the afternoon) for her church, the Clinton Center Baptist Church. Her offer to do so was refused by the present minister of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, Rev. Arthur J. Richner. Following Rev. Richner's refusal to accept Alice Lund's offer to organize and carry out a 1989 Clinton Center Pioneer Day, the congregation of the Clinton Center Baptist Church met. Accordingly, at that meeting, it was regularly moved and seconded, therefore, not to have a Clinton Center Pioneer Day celebration in 1989.

GRISWOLD REUNION

Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA 18472

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2. A copy of the Griswold Reunion Mailing List, as of August 18, 1990, as prepared by the Secretary/Historian, S. Robert Powell (pp. 2-4);

3. A copy of the Financial Report for 1990 Griswold Reunion, as prepared by the Treasurer, Donald W. Powell (page 4).

The minutes of the 1989 Griswold Reunion (the 83rd) and the minutes of the 1990 Griswold Reunion (the 84th) will be reported in Volume I, Number 6 of the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER.

VITAL STATISTICS UPDATE, 1989

Presented hereafter are the Births, Marriages, Achievements, and Deaths in the Griswold family which were reported for inclusion in this list at the 1989 Griswold Reunion:

The page number in the Official List of Descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden whereon these data have been incorporated is given before each item. The following persons, listed in no particular order, furnished the Secretary with these data and he synthesized them and incorporated them into the 1989 Official List of Descendants: Mrs. Robert Sheehan, Gerald and Marjorie Cook, Samuel M. Curtis, Edith Gardner, Doris and Rick Johnson, Mary Zollbrecht, Gloria Johnson, Russell and Patricia Peltz, Carl and Beatrice Spangenberg, K. G. and Betty L. Pratt, Wendy Kille, Gertrude Schaffer, Donald W. Powell, The Rude/Schermerhorn/Tyler/Grace families, Mary T. Rebernik, Claude Manaton, John Rude, Gertrude G. Snyder, Dwight Hauenstein, Verla C. Arnold, Leona Vaughn, LaVange Arnold, Harold V. Olver, Esther Patey Forsberg, Viola E. Silks, and Alice C. Lund.

Without the help and cooperation of all of those persons, the Secretary could not have produced this Vital Statistics Update, 1989, and we are pleased to here express our thanks to all of them for their contributions. Special thanks are here extended to Clarissa Treat Sheehan, the Historian of the Arnold Reunion (Sumner Griswold line), for her detailed report from the 1989 Arnold Reunion. Beginning in 1990, the Historian of the Arnold Reunion will be Donna DeVita Treat.

BIRTHS

- 7 Zachariah David Grace, 06-15-1989
- 7 Kendra Ann Tyler, 09-27-1988
- 7a Timothy Rude, 07-??-1988
- 19a Brandon Curtis, 05-??-1988
- 22 Steffany Ann Schaffer, ?
- 26 Michael Patrick Hauenstein, 04-18-1989
- 33 Edward Sparrow, 05-30-1989
- 35 Amanda Nan Curtis, 11-13-1988
- 40 Philip Mark Rude, 04-20-1989
- 45 Megan Ashley Miller, 05-17-1989
- 45 Emilie Michele Forsberg, 08-13-1989
- 48a Kessler Wright Garrity, 07-05-1989
- 48a Nicholas James DeHaan, 12-07-1988
- 49 Brian Gregory Norton, 05-24-1989
- 50 Candice Marie Kille, 08-09-1989
- 63 Colleen Ann Brady, 04-14-1989
- 64 Amanda Marie Whorton, 03-10-1989
- 74 Cristy Lynn Cowger, 12-28-1988
- 86 Andrew Robert McIntosh, 03-08-1989

MARRIAGES

- 7 Ray Grace and Amy Schermerhorn, 09-24-1988
- 11 Bonnie Geuther and Timothy J. Kraft, wedding will be 05-25-1991
- 12 Kenneth Gill and Kelly Wormuth, 06-24-1989
- 20 Margaret M. Loomis Koch and Charles Boyle, 05-28-1989
- 20a Kimberly Ann Peterlin and David Cavilieri, engaged 04-13-1989
- 61 Kenneth Gill and Holly Wormuth, 06-21-1989
- 64 Richard Gaylord and Nancy Ritch, 11-04-1988
- 66 Willard and Viola Cox, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 06-14-1989
- 72 Kathryn Arnold Choquette and Peter Dyer, 01-30-1988
- 80 Stephen Treat and Christine Schella, 09-24-1988

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 7 Laura Schermerhorn graduated from Carbondale Area High School
- 7 Jill Schermerhorn named Phlebotomist/EKG Technician, Allied Careers, November 1988
- 15 Russell Peltz chosen to participate in the 8th annual Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, September 1989
- 15 Russell Peltz named semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition for 1990, September 1989
- 15 Russell Peltz selected as recipient of the WCDL/NEIU #19 Scholar of the Year award at Forest City Regional High School, December 1989
- 19 Karen E. Curtis graduated from Slippery Rock University, December 1988, with a major in Management Information Systems. From February to June, 1989, she spent a semester abroad at Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai, China; from mid-June to July 26, 1989, she traveled in Japan
- 19a Wayne Curtis was awarded a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University and appointed Dupont Professor of Chemical Engineering at Penn State, December 1988
- 20a Kimberly Ann Peterlin graduated from High School in June 1988; William Peterlin graduated from High School in June 1989 and is attending Franklin Pierce College
- 45 David Forsberg was ordained an Assembly of God Minister on 04-24-1989 and is now pastoring at Northport, WA
- 49 Carl John Martin (husband of Claudia Manaton) graduated from Portland State University on 08-10-1989
- 51 Sue Carney graduated with honors and received an Academic and Clinical Achievement Certificate

DEATHS

- 32 Nellie Curtis Lawson, 08-17-1989
- 33 Nell R. Gardner, 11-28-1989
- 39 Norman S. Lund, 01-14-1990
- 67 Robert Duane Cox, 01-04-1989
- 71 Verla M. Clift Arnold, 08-15-1989
- 72 Maribel Irene Arnold Bodick, 05-22-1989
- 72 Ann Gerrick Arnold, 07-20-1989
- 78 Florence Longmire Treat, 07-19-1989
- 82 Eleanor E. Treat, 11-26-1988
- 85a Crystel C. Gummoie, 03-31-1989

NEXT YEAR'S REUNION

The annual Reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden of Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA is held on the third Saturday of August, which means that next year's Reunion will take place on August 17, 1991. Mark the date on you calendar NOW. In recent years, the Griswold Reunion has been held at the Moosic Grange Hall in Clinton Township, and we have every reason to believe that next year's will take place there. Unless you receive an announcement to the contrary, show up at the Moosic Grange Hall on August 17, 1991, and you will be surrounded by some of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet.

THE GRISWOLD REUNION MAILING LIST

Who are the known living descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden of Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA? The answer to that question is given herebelow and on the following two pages. We have made every effort to make this list as comprehensive as possible, but we have probably left someone out. If you know of someone who is a descendant of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden whose name and address are not given in this list, please tell us who they are and what their address is.

Similarly, if we have an incorrect address for someone, please tell us the correct address.

When you sit down to write your Christmas cards this year, keep this list at hand and send a card to some relatives you haven't heard from in a long time. It will give them pleasure to receive a card from you and you will be surprised to discover how good it makes you feel to renew an acquaintance with a long-lost relative. You no longer have the excuse that you don't have the addresses you need.

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FINANCIAL REPORT
by Donald W. Powell
Treasurer, Griswold Reunion

The financial support of the entire Griswold family is necessary to keep the Griswold Reunion alive and well. To get the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTERS printed takes money, and we all know about postage costs. In addition, there are the actual costs of holding the Reunion (fee for the use of the Grange Hall, miscellaneous expenses associated with the covered-dish dinner, &c.). The loyal support of those who give every year, whether they attend the Reunion or not, is very much appreciated. If you have never given your financial support to the Griswold Reunion, start this year. It's never too late.

Financial Report for 1990 Griswold Reunion

[This report covers only the income and expenses for the 1989 Reunion. It does not include any income or expenses for the 1990 Reunion, August 18, 1990.]

CREDITS

Cash	
1	Collection (cash) at 1989 Reunion
	\$109.38
2	Cash/checks received since 1989 Reunion (August 1989 to November 8, 1989)
	\$57.00
	\$42.00
	\$66.00
	\$10.00
	\$12.00
	\$10.00
	=====
	\$306.38

Interest	
September 30, 1989	\$1.19
December 31, 1989	\$2.32
	=====
	\$3.51
	=====
	\$309.89

Balance in Savings Account before 1989 Reunion	\$199.48
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	\$509.37

EXPENSES

Withdrawal, September 1, 1989 : printing of 1989 Newsletter	\$232.00
Withdrawal, October 2, 1989 : reimburse SRP (printing and mailing)	\$23.63
Withdrawal, paid to DWP : Grange, Cemetery, dues	\$55.00
Withdrawal, February 16, 1990 : dues	\$10.00
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	\$320.63

Total assets	\$509.37
Total liabilities	\$320.63

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Balance in savings account before the start of the 1990 Reunion, August 18, 1990	\$188.74
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DONORS 1989

In addition to those who attended the Griswold Reunion 1989 and there gave so generously, the following persons also contributed last year, between August 1989 and November 8, 1989.

- 1 Minna Blair
- 2 Leeta A. Geuther
- 3 LaVange Arnold
- 4 Mrs. C. Geuther
- 5 Mrs. C. B. Treat
- 6 Mildred LaBarre
- 7 Mrs. Beulah Pazel
- 8 Alice and Norman Lund
- 9 Leeta A. Geuther / Susan J. Rose
- 10 S. Robert Powell
- 11 Marjorie Hill Treat
- 12 Esther Forsberg / Harry Forsberg
- 13 Henry and Althea Neutts
- 14 Edith A. Gardner
- 15 Gary L. and Susan J. Freiermuth
- 16 Mary L. Flanagan
- 17 Marjorie A. Nims / Stuart V.Nims
- 18 Mrs. Willard Gibson
- 19 Douglas S. Blair / Helen E. Blair
- 20 Burton M. Silks / Viola E. Silks
- 21 Clarence E. Loomis
- 22 George Pazel
- 23 Russell M. Peltz / Patricia L. Peltz
- 24 Carl G. Spangenberg / Beatrice A. Spangenberg
- 25 K. G. Pratt / Betty L. Pratt
- 26 Marjorie M. Gravalez
- 27 H. V.Olver
- 29 Mrs. Leona Vaughn
- 30 Gerald C. and Marjorie R. Cook

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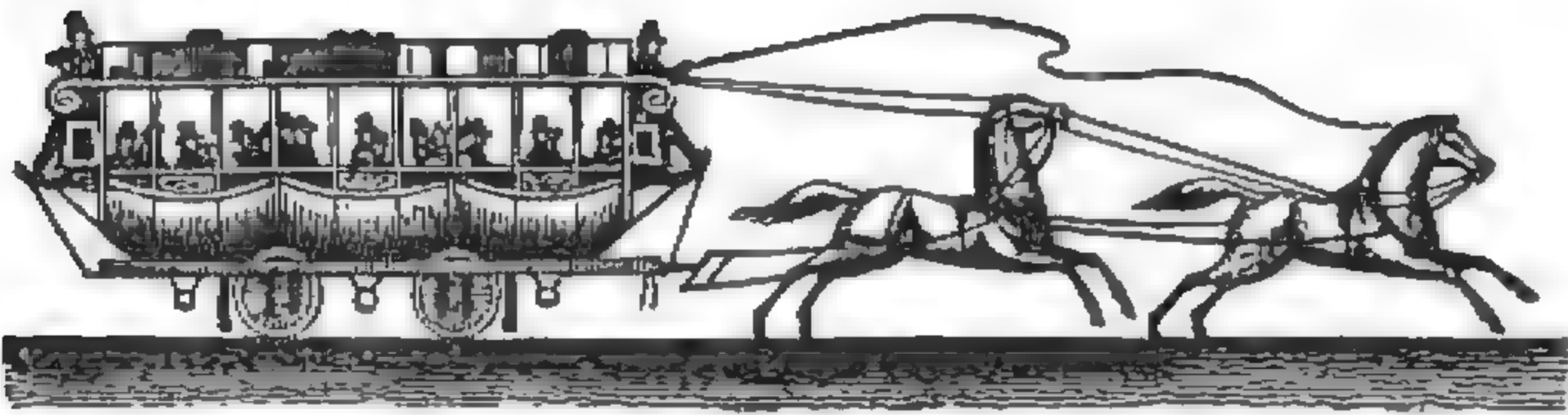
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2. The minutes of the 83rd Griswold Reunion; August 19, 1989. (pp. 1-5).

3. The minutes of the 84th Griswold Reunion, August 18, 1990 (pp. 5-8).



VITAL STATISTICS UPDATE, 1990

Presented hereafter are the Births, Marriages, Achievements, and Deaths in the Griswold family which were reported for inclusion in this list at the 1990 Griswold Reunion:

The page number in the Official List of Descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden whereon these data have been incorporated is given before each item. The following persons, listed in no particular order, furnished the Recording Secretary/Historian with these data and he synthesized them and incorporated them into the 1990 Official List of Descendants: Mary A. Zollbrecht, Mrs. Robert Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cook, Leeta Geuther, Mr. and Mrs. Sam M. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peltz, Edith A. Gardner, Gertrude G. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. G. Spangenberg, Wendy Kille, Gertrude Schaffer, Ray and Amy Grace, the Schermerhorn family, Mary T. Rebernik, Claude Manaton, Minna Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hauenstein, Jr., John and Amy Rude, Verla C. Arnold, Leona Vaughn, LaVange Arnold, Ann Tyler, Mary Tyler, Nancy Hungerford Bostwick, Niles F. Curtis, Harold V. Olver, Alice Curtis Lund, Pearl Brudos, Donna Wiley, Mr. and Mr. William F. Ogden, Judith Blair, Mildred LaBarre, D. Stiles, Carl T. Pazel, Beatrice Bartholomay, Esther Forsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sochan, Dorothy C. Hornbeck, Patricia C. Lawrence, Viola Silks.

Without the help and cooperation of all of those persons (every effort has been made to keep an accurate list of such persons and I hope no one has been inadvertently omitted), the Secretary could not have produced this Vital Statistics Update, 1990, and we are pleased to here express our thanks to all of them for their contributions.

BIRTHS

- 7 Gerald Walter Case, 11-30-1989
- 7a Christopher Rude, 02-10-1991
- 16 Kelly Ann Ogden, David William Ogden, 07-30-1990
- 19a Faelyn Curtis, 03--1990
- 20 Charles Michael Boyle, Jr., 09-17-1989
- 22 Lisa Gayle Schaffer, 09-29-1986
- 22 Steffany Ann Schaffer, 05-02-1989
- 40a Thomas Hungerford Bostwick, 05-16-1990
- 42 Mary Kathryn Taylor, 03-01-1990
- 50 Megan Marie Kille, 10-16-1988
- 50 Justin James Kille, 02-09-1991
- 51 Katelyn Elizabeth Carney, 01-28-1989
- 51 Justin Thomas Cordaro, 04-17-1990
- 52 Mark Joseph Miller, 07-28-1990
- 80 Matthew Joseph Treat, 06-22-1990
- 81 Vincent Edward Souda, 05-16-1990
- 86 Allison Jean Buck, 10-05-1989

MARRIAGES

- 11 Bonnie K. Geuther and Timothy J. Kraft, 01-26-1991
- 19 Donna D. Hosterman and Robert B. Wiley, 07-28-1990
- 19a Kenneth Curtis and Allison Van Huss, date?
- 19a Wayne Curtis and Laurie Swartz, date?
- 20 Margaret Loomis and Charles Boyle, 05-28-1989
- 20a Kimberly Ann Peterlin and David Cavaliere, 08-25-1990
- 22 James Mark Schaffer and Lisa Gayle Shaffer, 09-22-1990
- 24 Jean Marie (Curtis) Starbuck and Robert Slater, date ?
- 25 James R. (or E.) Curtis and Michelle Walsh, 06-02-1990
- 38 Scott Allen Curtis and Melodie Sue Brigham, 08-04-1990
- 43 Debra Sochan and Michael Rosen, 09-30-1989
- 49 Nancy Ann Kuhn and Gregory Norton, 12-31-1982
- 50 James Kille and Shirley Beth Simmons, 10-05-1988
- 51 DeAnna Rae Carney and Joseph P. Cordaro, Sr., 10-08-1989
- 63 Mark Geuther and Kristine Lynn Sorenson, 11-04-1989

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 3a S. Robert Powell appointed Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Languages, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA, 12-18-1990
- 15 Justine Lee Shepherd graduated from Susquehanna University with a Bachelor of Science degree, 05-20-1990
- 43 Elizabeth Sochan graduated with honors from Robert Wesleyan University on 05-13-1990 with a degree in Human Resource Management
- 85 Billie Jo Dunn graduated from Bloomsburg University, 12-10-1989

DEATHS

- 7 Kraig Andrew Guthrie, 06-28-1990
- 28 Augusta Curtis Ewing, 05-01-90, at age 97
- 31 Constance Cooley Johnson, 06-21-1990
- 34 Edith A. Gardner, 10-15-1990
- 38 Rose C. Wihtol, 07-11-1990
- 55 Henry Neutts, 03-31-1991
- 81 Francis Kattell, 03-28-1990
- 82 Kenneth Treat, 07-01-1990
- 85 Elizabeth L. Pazel, 06-02-1990

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL GRISWOLD REUNION

August 19, 1989

The 83rd annual reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden took place on August 19, 1989 at the Moosic Grange Hall, R. D., Waymart, PA. The decision to return to the Moosic Grange Hall (Nicholas Buroff, Master) for the Griswold Reunions was made during the summer when several members of the "Reunion Committee" attended a yard sale/flea market sponsored by and held at the Moosic Grange Hall. The building and grounds are ideal for such gatherings and are always well cared for by the members of the Moosic Grange.

Members of the Griswold family began arriving shortly after 11:00 A.M. and, when all was said and done, the following 32 persons signed the registration book:

Mary Zollbrecht, Amy Grace, Ray Grace, Zachariah Grace, Wnedy Kille, Candice Kille, Mary Theresa Rebernik, John R. Rude, Amy M. Rude, Eleanor Rude, Fay Sosenko, Sam and Joan Curtis, Gloria Johnston, Jane Shaffer, LaVange Arnold, Gertrude Snyder, Edith Gardner, Alfred Shaffer, Dorothy and Fred Olver, Myrtle Curtis, Doris Howell, Doris Mead, Helen Giles, Helen R. Powell, Mildred LaBarre, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Donald W. Powell, Donald W. Powell II, Francis Curtis III, and S. Robert Powell.

The Reunion began, as always, with a bountiful buffet dinner. The quality and the variety of the food at such gatherings is extraordinary, invariably. No one went away hungry, that's for sure. When the meal was completed and the tables cleared, the family gathered in the main meeting hall in preparation for the business meeting.

Tape recordings of the business meetings are made by the Recording Secretary so that he, too, can enjoy the Reunion and not have to spend all his time taking notes. In the minutes before the business meeting began, the tape recorder picked up the following fragment of a conversation between Edith Gardner and someone else:

Edith Gardner: "I've always admired Doris Howell, always, and I don't get to see her, I never get to see her. That's the way it goes. And with this (the Griswold Reunion), we wouldn't have it without Donald and Robert... marvelous... you see, I haven't driven in seven years... I gave my car to John's daughter and she went through college and used that. It made a good car... but he (John) calls me every week. No, I've no complaints... So you see why I have my specials (people)..."

The business meeting was called to order by the President of the Griswold Reunion, Francis Curtis III, who began by asking that everyone sign the registration book. Parents of small children and infants were asked to sign in for their offspring who were not old enough to do so for themselves.

The President then called for a reading of the minutes of the 82nd Griswold Reunion. Instead of reading the minutes of the last Reunion, the Recording Secretary, S. Robert Powell, announced that the minutes of the 82nd Griswold Reunion (August 20, 1988) were published in Volume I, Number 4 of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER (August 19, 1989) and that copies of that Newsletter would be distributed to all present at the conclusion of the business meeting. This he suggested in the interest of time, since the minutes of the 82nd Griswold Reunion take up the first five pages of the Newsletter and would constitute about 20 pages of typed copy were they presented in the 8 1/2" X 11" format. Also presented in that Newsletter are the minutes of the 157th Clinton Center Pioneer Day, August 21, 1988.

The President then asked that we all introduce ourselves, in turn, to the group, and ask that we indicate our

connection to the Griswold family for the benefit of anyone who might wonder how we all go back to John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden.

Interesting remarks were made by many members of the family as the introductions were made and we are pleased to report here some of those remarks:

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Fred Olver: "I'm Fred Olver, and this is my wife, Dorothy Lambert. On January 20th, we celebrated our 53rd wedding anniversary."

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Gertrude Snyder: "Are we supposed to talk about our ancestors or what?"

Francis Curtis III: "Anything that you think would be interesting for this group to hear right now."

Gertrude Snyder: "I don't talk too much, but I have here a pin which my mother had. And it's close to a hundred years' old. She selected it and she told my dad that she would like this pin. She said, did you get it. And he said, no. So he had the jeweler bring it over to him at the station. When he came into the station, he was running the train, you know, and he got it and he had it wrapped up and Pauline Ludwig, do any of you remember her, she worked for us, and she wrapped it up and put it on the top of the tree. When we got up, we wondered what it was on top of our Christmas tree, so when my mother opened it up, here it was that pin that she had selected and she was thrilled to death with it, and we think it's a beautiful pin." (The pin was then passed around the room for all to admire.)

S. Robert Powell: "In what year might it have been when she was given the pin?"

Gertrude Snyder: "Well, we were kids."

S. Robert Powell (playfully): "So it was more than 20 years ago!"

Edith Gardner: "Well it was more than that. You see, when he was running an engine, because that was his aspiration from the time he was the age of Donald (Donald W. Powell II). He (Milo Gardner) was an orphan and at that time they didn't make much of orphans because after all that's so and so's youngster and those of you who remember him, many of you do, know that he was always thinking of somebody else, and they'd get to this one uncle's, this was out near Factoryville, and they could hear the trains going up the DL&W Railroad and he thrilled to the sound of an engine, so after his mother died and the three (children) were left at Harford (Soldiers' Orphans' School), that's how we got so much interested there. He figured that he would get on the railroad, which he did, and he started at the bottom, he was working as a trackman and eventually got to be the engineer and when he got to engineer, of course, the next aspiration was a passenger run and that's how he happened to be on the run at the time that our mother went into Frank Burr's (Jewelry Store in Carbondale), maybe a couple of you remember where Frank Burr's Jewelry Store was, and, oh, she thrilled to this pin, and so when she told him, he said, well why didn't you get it, well, she'd get something like this, and through that, Gertrude told you the rest of the story, and then we as kids, oh, all we'd do was adore our mother because of her fancy pin, and she got to the point where she was afraid to wear it, so she got a little chain, the chain is on the pin yet, and this, of course, is family. It's a little removed from the Griswolds but nevertheless that's the start of it. So any of you who want to see it, we'll pass it around."

Francis Curtis III (playfully): "And what was your name?"

Edith Gardner: "Well, I am her sister, and she is Gertrude Snyder, but I am Edith Gardner, with an emphasis on the Gardner, and when I first got connected in with Donald Powell, he started in on the family history, and he'd come out, well, I'm going to so and so, I need company. Well, I'd be company for anybody who'd want it, and I went with Donald as long as he was getting ready to take off to be a teacher, and in the meantime, Robert, who was then working in New York, decided that he liked the country better than the city and he came home from New York just about the time that Donald was home from Philadelphia and here's the clan and how they connected (to the Griswold's), that's another thing that was extremely interesting, because I started on, I do much of that, start one thing and forget something else, but anyway, as soon as the folks in Harford, it was the Soldiers' Orphans' School, the day they were 16, good bye, so naturally he started for the railroad and he was a trackman and he worked his way all the way up, and he had to go into Carbondale for his meals, and at that time one of this Curtis gang had gone to teaching school and she (Harriet Curtis) moved over with her sister in Union Dale, and when Dad got to running an engine, he had the trip to Susquehanna County, up North, and when he got to Union Dale they had to stop to fill the engine with water, and in the meantime he went to the boarding house in Carbondale for his meals and this teacher from Union Dale (Harriet Curtis) came to the same boarding house for her dinner and the two looked at one another and that's all they needed and he said, well now just as soon as I get to running an engine, we'll be married, and as soon as he was running the engine, that was it. And having met her in the boarding house, that was all he needed, and she decided that since she was going to live in Carbondale she would make sure that everything connected and her father's birthday was January 1st. Now our father never liked to drive a horse, but if he was going to get her as his bride, he had to drive a horse, so alright on my father's birthday, we'll be married, and he drove over (to Curtis Valley) from Carbondale, the road wasn't quite like it is now but he said he'd meet one fellow with a horse and carriage and the next fella with a horse and sleigh but anyway he got there and on January 1st she decided that she would now not be connected with the Griswolds and Curtises, she'd be a Gardner, and away they went."

Gertrude Snyder: "They were married at Grandma's, weren't they?"

Edith Gardner: "Yes, they were married there (Curtis Valley) on the first of January. Certainly, it was her father's birthday, at Curtis Valley. In the meantime..."

Fred Olver: "What was your father's name?"

Edith Gardner: "Milo. And she used to go down to Burr's, as I say, some of them know Frank Burr's, and that's where she saw this pin, but in the meantime his (Milo's) father had the three children and he decided that his duty was with the army so he joined with the army and went down to Maryland, in that section."

Gertrude Snyder: "New York."

Edith Gardner: "New York, well anyway, he had one thing of value, how it ever came into the family, I don't know, because that side of the family I won't say much about but I can say that he gave her his mother's watch. Well that was fine. And she couldn't have a watch without something to fasten it, so she spent her year's salary as a teacher and bought the chain and then when I came to teen age, of course I thought it was quite smart to wear my grandmother's watch, and we had our first car, and on a Sunday afternoon, when my father was home, he'd say, well let's go for a ride today. Well, where ya going? Oh, we'll go to Aunt Nira's, and away we'd go to Aunt Nira's, who was a sister to his mother. And this day I was wearing the watch and I had a pin to fasten it and we went in and as we walked in the door she (Aunt Nira) said: 'That's my sister's watch, that belongs to me.' And that ended my love for Aunt Nira, se here we are with watch and chain."

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Myrtle Curtis: "I'm Myrtle Curtis."

Francis Curtis III: "You don't have a fascinating story for us?"

Myrtle Curtis: "No."

Edith Gardner: "I'll go into her ancestry, too. One of the nine children from up here at Curtis Valley went to South Dakota when that was opened and Brother Frank decided that he would go along to South Dakota, too, so away the two of them go and Will (Curtis) settles, and Frank, heart's in Pennsylvania, so that's your background."

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LaVange Arnold: "I'm LaVange Arnold, the widow of Claude Arnold. I was talking to my husband's niece this week and she said that her brother is making a hobby of genealogy and that he has traced the Arnold family back a little farther than any that we have so I'll have to get a hold of them to get that. Grandmother Arnold was a Griswold, so that's how we get in on this."

Francis Curtis III: "Don't the Arnolds have a reunion about this time of the year?"

LaVange Arnold: "We have our Reunion the end of July, that's when ours is."

Edith Gardner: "In the meantime, these men (Donald and Robert Powell) can tell you how they (the pioneers) came up from Connecticut and so forth and the boo-boo I made when we were talking about that one night, about coming up in the covered wagon in the middle of the winter, and there were the three children, two girls and a boy, and they got up this far, that's the time they were just opening this section of the country, of Penn's Woods, and they each had a section, adjoining, these came from the Loomis side, we come from the Curtis side, and the one that spoke a minute ago (LaVange Arnold) came from a third side."

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Sam and Joan Curtis: "We had a daughter graduated from Slippery Rock University last December, Karen. She then went on a post-Baccalaureate semester abroad to Shanghai International Studies University and left in mid-February to attend Shanghai University and was there until June 9th. Sometime earlier that week the State Department suggested that folks leave China, so the Monday and Tuesday of that week she couldn't go anywhere. Shanghai was shut down, the airport was closed, the port was closed, the busses weren't running, and the train station was closed. But by Thursday evening she had gone to the airport with a professor from Slippery Rock and also her roommate who is a student at Lehigh University, lives in Chicago, and they got the professor to the plane, and the girls decided that they were going to stay in Shanghai and so we got a phone call at 2 o'clock in the morning from her saying, we're staying there. A couple days later she did decide to leave and did come out to Hong Kong and spent a month or so in Japan then returned home in mid-July, so she had an interesting year."

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Mary Theresa Rebern timer: "I'm Mary Theresa Rebern timer now, I was married to Kenneth Loomis, and I have a picture of four generations if anyone wants to see it. In it are Henry Loomis, that would be my husband's grandfather; and his father, Merwin Loomis; Kenneth Loomis; and my son Joseph. This was in 1946. And Gertrude Schaffer said that she would like me to have a picture made for her. And I've got two grandchildren married, my grandson Joseph, my son's boy, was in Turkey, and met a girl and married her and they live now in Levittown, Pennsylvania, and he's still in the Reserves. And Margaret is Joseph's sister and she married a fellow from Levittown and they moved up to Hazleton. And my daughter, Margretta, her daughter is engaged. They plan to be married next August and they bought a home in town and they're fixing it up, and her son William is going up to Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire, September 2nd, to study archaeology, and I have three other grandchildren in baseball season. Amy, Margretta's youngest, is on the Lions' Team with the Little League, Kenny is in the Teener League, and the third is on the Forest City High School team and he was on the Babe Ruth team. I have some pictures here. Here's one of the Billy Sunday snowstorm, in Vandling, it's right in front of my house, the big drifts, and you can see the Main Street doesn't have too many differences except with the difference of the snow now being there and the railroad tracks have been taken out now. And there are other pictures here. The one says 1900. I'm going to start with Fred, let Fred pass them around."

Voice in the room: "The Billy Sunday snowstorm was in 1914."

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Doris Howell: "I'm Doris Howell, and I guess I'm just lucky to be here."

Francis Curtis III: "We're lucky to have you here."

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Jane Shaffer: "I'm Jane Shaffer, and I have the youngest person here today. I do have some information. Last Spring, some time, I'm not sure when it was, my son is in the Army out in California, he was made a C-5, one thing below a sergeant, and he's been in the Army just a year, his name is James Kille."

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Donald W. Powell: "I'm Donald Powell, and this is my son, Donald Powell. He's two and one half years old and this is his first Griswold Reunion."

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Following the introductions, the "superlatives" for the Reunion were determined, with the following results:

OLDEST: LaVange Arnold, 92 in January (born 01-25-1897)
Edith A. Gardner, 92 in July (born 07-08-1897)

LaVange and Edith were given a warm round of applause by the group.

YOUNGEST: Candice Marie Kille, who is 10 days old and who weighed 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces at birth.

TRAVELED THE FARTHEST TO THE REUNION: Sam and Joan Curtis, who traveled 185 miles from State College, PA.

TRAVELED THE SHORTEST DISTANCE TO THE REUNION: John and Amy Rude, who traveled 1 and 3/10 miles from the Ridge Farm, R. D., Waymart.

FAMILY WITH THE MOST MEMBERS PRESENT: the Alfred Shaffer family (Alfred Shaffer, Mary Zollbrecht, Gloria Johnston, Jane Shaffer, Wendy Kille, Candice Kille).

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer of the Griswold Reunion, Donald W. Powell, then gave his report.

He reported:

--that the Griswold Reunion Savings Account is in the Pioneer American Bank, Carbondale;
--that last year before the Reunion we had a balance in the account of \$81.63;
--that \$112.00 were received in the collection last year, giving a balance on hand of \$199.48 before today's Reunion.

A call was made for bills from the floor. S. Robert Powell reported that the printing bill for Volume I, Number 4 of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER was \$232.00.

The Treasurer noted that the Reunion still owes the Clinton Center Baptist Church \$25.00 for the use of the Church for last year's Reunion. Also, the Reunion's dues in the Griswold Family Association of America (\$10.00) are now due. In addition, the Reunion makes an annual donation of \$10.00 to the Clinton Center Cemetery Association, and the Reunion pays the Moosic Grange \$25.00 for the use of the building for the Reunion. Total of bills presented for payment: \$302.00.

The annual collection was taken. As the basket was making the rounds of the room, S. Robert Powell announced that copies of the current NEWSLETTER would be distributed to those present and the remaining copies would be mailed to family members not present. Those who receive the NEWSLETTER by mail will be encouraged to make a donation to the Reunion to cover the cost of producing and mailing the annual NEWSLETTER.

S. Robert Powell: "If we do nothing else as a family organization, we must keep records of who we are and some of the things that we have done. Such records are interesting and useful to us and they will be interesting and useful to family members 100 years from now. We all have an obligation to those who come after us to at least describe how we lived our lives. In producing these NEWSLETTERS, we make a concerted effort to pack in as much information as possible so that many years from now those who come after us will have a sense of who we are and what we were like."

Francis Curtis III: "I didn't get around to mentioning it earlier. But we were mentioning at the table that there were four members of this tribe who all went to 'State's' in athletic events in one year and we thought that that was a rather interesting phenomenon. My daughter, Kyra, went to 'State's' in track; Linda, Gertrude Schaffer's daughter, was also at 'State's' in track. She was throwing the discus and my daughter was trying to run fast enough to keep out from under it; Sam and Joan's daughter, Karen, the same one that went to China, was in 'State's' in gymnastics that same year; and the fourth one was my older brother Carroll's son, Keith, who was there in wrestling."

By this point, the collection basket had made the rounds and its contents were counted by the Treasurer, who reported that \$123.38 had been collected. Donald W. Powell: "We collected \$123.38, and we have \$199.48 in the account, giving us a total balance in the treasury of \$322.86. Our expenses are \$302.00. After we pay our bills, we will have a balance in the account of \$20.86. We've covered our expenses, thank you, and we'll expect the same generous donations next year."

In addition to the funds received in the collection basket at the Reunion, the following persons contributed to the support of the Reunion either before the Reunion took place or after the Reunion:

Minna Blair, Leeta A. Geuther, LaVange Arnold, Mrs. C. Geuther, Mrs. C. B. Treat, Mildred LaBarre, Mrs. Beulah Pazel, Alice and Norman Lund, S. Robert Powell, Marjorie Hill Treat, Esther Forsberg, Henry and Althea Neutts, Edith A. Gardner, Mary L. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Freiermuth, Marjorie A. Nims, Mrs. Willard Gibson, Douglas S. Blair, Viola E. Silks, Clarence E. Loomis, George

Pazel, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peltz, Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Spangenberg, K. G. and Betty Pratt, Harold V. Olver, and Mrs. Leona Vaughn.

All of these donations are very much appreciated. They make it possible for the Reunion to produce and publish these Newsletters as well as provide the funds for the expenses involved with the annual meeting (rental of the Grange Hall, postage to send out announcements of the Reunion, membership in the Griswold Family Association of America, &c.).

REPORT BY THE RECORDING SECRETARY/HISTORIAN

The Recording Secretary/Historian, S. Robert Powell, reported the following:

1. Announcements/Questionnaires/Publicity: Every year a two-page questionnaire/announcement is mailed out to all family members announcing the annual Reunion and calling for a vital statistics update from each family. One hundred and eighty-eight copies of the two-page mailer were sent out on 07-14-1989 from the Carbondale Post Office: 20 to Carbondale, 104 elsewhere in Pennsylvania, 63 out of Pennsylvania, and 1 to Norway. The cost of printing and mailing out these 188 announcements (\$16.80) was covered by a generous donation from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous.

Questionnaires were returned by the following persons (listed in no particular order): Verla Arnold, Leeta Geuther, Mildred LaBarre, Minna Blair, Mrs. Robert Sheehan (the historian of the Arnold Reunion), Dwight Hauenstein (R. D. 1, Box 220, Pleasant Mount, PA), Claude Manaton, Sam and Joan Curtis, John and Amy Rude, Mary Zollbrecht, Mary Rebernik, Gertrude Schaffer, Wendy Kille, Ray and Amy Grace.

On the basis of the information reported on those questionnaires and the information learned at the annual Reunion, a "Vital Statistics Update" is prepared by the Recording Secretary. In the NEWSLETTER dated today, all genealogical information learned before, during and after last year's Reunion is synthesized in a "Vital Statistics Update." There are page reference numbers in the "Vital Statistics Update" that refer to the appropriate individual(s) in the master list of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Cirtten-den. That list is now over 100 pages in length.

SRP: "If you would like to order a copy of the complete descendant list, put your name and address on this sheet and pay \$5.00 and I will make sure that you get one."

SRP reported that press releases announcing today's Griswold Reunion were mailed to the Carbondale News, the Forest City News, and the Wayne Independent on 08-10-1989. This release was published in the Carbondale and Honesdale papers on 08-16-1989; in the Forest City paper on 08-17-1989.

SRP also reported that copies of Volume I, Number 4 (August 19, 1989) of the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY AND GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER would be mailed out shortly after the Reunion to family members. One hundred eighty-seven copies were, in fact, mailed out on 08-29-1989: 16 to Carbondale, 103 elsewhere in Pennsylvania, 68 out of Pennsylvania. The cost of mailing out these Newsletters (\$20.37) was covered by a generous donation from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous.

2. Last year, Fred Olver reported that Harold V. Olver had written his autobiography and that he (Fred) would ask Harold to send a copy to the Reunion. On 09-07-1988, Harold Olver sent the Reunion a copy of "A Brief Autobiography" that he wrote in May 1988 at the age of 94 years and 8 months. The 32-page volume was then passed around for all to see.

3. SRP then showed the Reunion a newspaper clipping that Jane Shaffer cut from the Wayne Independent of 04-29-1989 and presented to the Reunion, through Mary Zollbrecht. The clipping is an obituary of Graydon V. Curtis, who died at age 78, in Preston Park, PA, on 05-03-1989. He was born in Scott Center and married Lillian Hempstead. He was the son of Frank Curtis and Elsie Tarbox. SRP remarked: "This Curtis family is not connected to us. But I appreciate very much having the clipping. It is important to get such information into the official record to avoid any possible confusion in years to come."

4. SRP then showed the group an article from the Forest City News of 03-30-1989 (p.2) about Elizabeth A. Hauenstein of Aldenville, who, through the article, was announcing her candidacy in the Republican party for Clinton Township tax collector.

5. Another newspaper article shown to the group. This one from the Forest City News (03-30-1989; reprinted from the Wayne Independent), entitled: "Former Clinton Township Teacher 'Gets the Lead Out' Occasionally." The article is about Beatrice Bartholomay and her pencil and pen collection.

6. SRP showed the group a birth announcement that Donald W. Powell had given him from the Carbondale News (11-23-1988, p. 6): Amanda Nan Curtis, born 11-13-1988, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Curtis, R. D. 3, Honesdale. John Rude: "This fits into the family. Edward is Henry Curtis Senior's oldest son, Mrs. Iva Robinson is the paternal great grandmother of Amanda Nan Curtis."

7. Another clipping: from the Forest City News of 07-06-1989: a photograph of the 50th anniversary reunion of the Pleasant Mount High School, held at Gale's at Panorama. Family member, Gertrude (Loomis) Schaffer was a member of that class and is shown in the front row of the photograph.

8. SRP reported that a post card photograph of the Carbondale mine fire was recently added to the collection of the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum. The post card is dated March 8, 1913 and is addressed to "Mr. John Griswold, R. D. No. 1, Waymart, PA." The text on the card is as follows: "Dear Father, I hope your cold is better. Did you get the money I sent you for the butter. I owe you 44 cents more will send it as soon as I can. Hope the rest

are well. My head is some better but have quite a cold yet. The rest all have some cold. Love Louise." The Louise is Fred Olver's mother and SRP presented Fred with a xerox copy of the post card from his mother to her father.

9. A letter, dated July 3, 1989, to the Reunion from Doris Johnson, great granddaughter of Amanda Curtis Patey, was then shown to the group. Doris is requesting information on the family. She says: "I have been trying to get in touch with Edith Gardner but so far have been unable." Edith Gardner remarked: "I move too fast."

10. Gertrude Loomis Schaffer knows that the Recording Secretary is interested in exhibition poultry. SRP showed the Reunion a newspaper article from The Farmer's Friend of 01-20-1989 that Gertrude Schaffer had sent to him. The article is entitled: "Ulster (Bradford County) Man Knows His Chickens: Has Rare Breed."

11. When Esther Forsberg returned her questionnaire + donation on 09-05-1989, she included the following note: "I sure like to hear about the re-union that my cousins are having back near Curtis Valley. Next year if all goes well I'll try to make it. If I come I want to visit the home place where my Mother and all her brothers and sisters were born and would like to take pictures of the house and yard. My daughter, Geraldine Forsberg, who lives in Astoria, NY, would also like to attend, so we may be seeing all next year."

12. Harold V. Olver sent a donation to the Griswold Reunion on 10-01-1989 and enclosed the following note: "We recently returned home after a month's journey up North to Cape Vincent, N.Y. on the St. Lawrence River at the 1000 islands. We visited my brother Fred and sister Minna Blair on the way. But I was sorry not to get up there in time for the reunion. A lot of accumulated mail contained the copy of Pioneer Day and Reunion Newsletter to-gether with the transmitting letter and your kind words regarding my little booklet. I would appreciate receiving future copies of the Newsletter and will enclose check for my contribution to the Reunion. Thank you for the copy of the current Newsletter. It was very interesting. I recall telling you some time ago that I knew your great Aunt Edna very well and visited her several times when in Detroit. Sincerely, Harold V. Olver. P.S. I was 96 years old last Sunday."

13. Betty Pratt sent a donation to the Griswold Reunion on 09-20-1989 and enclosed a photograph from a newsletter of "Captain William S. Griswold, Chief Director of Auxiliary." She enclosed the following note to Donald Powell: "Do you suppose we're related? Ken and I belong to the Auxiliary." Response by SRP: Although I can not tell you how we're related, my guess is that we are. A careful search through the published Griswold genealogies would very probably produce the connection. The important question is: how far back does William S. Griswold know who his Griswold ancestors were? If he knows the name and place of residence of his paternal grandfather and/or paternal great grandfather, it would be very easy to determine if there is a connection between his Griswold ancestors and ours:

SRP then remarked: "We're very fortunate to have LaVange Arnold here today. LaVange, can you tell us about this year's Arnold Reunion."

LaVange Arnold: "The Arnold Reunion had sort of a damper put on it this year. We had Bliss Treat's wife died and she was buried on Friday and the Reunion was Sunday. At the same time, Verla Arnold's daughter-in-law died down in North Carolina and she had to rush down there, so she and her daughter and granddaughter went down there. So we sorta lacked this year. We had 34 there this year. We had quite a list of deaths this year, we had six. The year before we had none. Some of you may not know that Verla Arnold died this week, on Tuesday. The neighbors heard her TV going all afternoon and evening and along in the night and at 2 o'clock they called the police and the police came up and went in and they found her dead in her chair beside the television and they figured that she had died about 4 o'clock the day before and that would have been Tuesday, and she was buried yesterday, down here at Clinton Center. Just at the time of the Arnold Reunion, which was the 19th of July, she had to go down because her daughter-in-law, Glen's wife, had died, and in May, Maribel Bodick, died, so that family was hit pretty hard this year."

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SRP: "Every year we collect things that we put under the category of 'Griswold Pride.' These are things that relate to the Griswolds that we ought to keep a record of. In the Forest City News of July 27th of this year there was an article on the front page entitled: "Article from 1918 tells history of local lumbering industry," written by T. J. Pentecost, son of William Pentecost, who was the founder of Forest City. In the article is the following: '...In trying to make some short cuts I have often walked many miles to free myself from some mystic labryinth. The Curtis Road was made through Griswold's Gap in 1866. I assisted the surveyors and remember the distance to be twelve rods, less than four miles. The viewers appointed by the Wayne County Court to report on the necessity of this road were: Nathan Griswold, Henry B. Curtis, Ensign McMullen. As the summer wore on all the works referred to above were rapidly being pushed and before winter came....' In that Gap, as we all know, is the famous watering trough, which has been sending forth wonderful water for a long time. It ends up in the back yard at the Curtis Homestead in the fountain." Edith Gardner (playfully): "I was there when they opened the road."

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THE ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPH

Donald W. Powell: "I'm going to talk to you about photographs. I have here on the table, I guess you all can see them, pictures from last year. Eight sequential shots as we arrived last year at the back door of the Church, and all of you who ordered these received them in the mail, shortly after Christmas. If you would like any of these, I can simply take the negative to the drug store and have them make another one. My blue book is here. The first Griswold Reunion that I ever attended was here in this room and there we were then outside these double doors, and when we adjourn the business meeting today, I'm going to put our three old-timers here in the doorway so that they don't have to go outside and we'll take a couple of these chairs and a couple of long benches outside and we'll take a group photograph outside the building here in this light. So nobody go away and everybody help with a chair out and back in and we'll have no problem with it. And I have my camera here and I'll take a black and white photograph. So, it's very important that we have a visual record as well. If you haven't looked through this, this is a collection of Griswold Reunion photographs since the first one that Robert and I attended; also photographs of Griswold Reunions from long ago. There have been Griswold Reunions for a long time and I have some photographs of some of them here. So, what I'm asking you to do is to cooperate on the chairs and benches and we'll have a group portrait when the business meeting is over with."

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More Talk:

SRP: "Every year in the program we have a section called 'The Floor Is Yours: Speak Up!.' And we're at that point in the program now and if anyone would like to say anything, now is the time. We are grateful to the Moosic Grange for allowing us to meet here. It's been some years since the Reunion has met here and I think it's a lovely place to hold the Reunion. The building and grounds are clean and the grass is cut. Everything was all set. All we had to do was open the door."

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Fred Olver: "My sister, Minna Blair, broke her arm twice, she broke her hip twice, and she still has a little garden that she attends to and she's 84. She would have been here today but she's expecting Harold from Florida this weekend. Too bad he didn't know about the Reunion."

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S. Robert Powell: "I was looking through one of the farm periodicals that Walter Powell receives and I came across an article called, 'Thirsty? Try Switchel.' First time in my life that I have ever heard of switchel. Anybody here know what switchel is?"

Amy Rude: "I read the article too. I didn't know what switchel is."

LaVange Arnold: "It was a drink that they used to make to send out to the men working in the fields. A little vinegar in water. It sounds awful, but then they didn't have lemonade in those days."

S. Robert Powell: "Just as LaVange says, it was a drink highly favored for sweating farm workers of years long gone. The magazine called for recipes and 200 people sent in recipes. Apparently the most typical recipe is: take a cup of cider vinegar, a tablespoon of molasses, four tablespoons of sugar, a teaspoon of ground ginger, two quarts of cold water. One of the recipes said that you could mix in a raw egg. I'm not sure that I would want a raw egg in a cold drink. Maybe that's just me. After I saw this article on switchel I started thinking about standard summertime work on the farm. I started thinking about taking in the hay, and I'm old enough to remember hay wagons coming into my grandfather's barn with the loose hay and I remember the forks coming down. The volume of hay that you can get into a barn when the hay is loose is less than when it's baled, is that correct?"

John Rude: "It's at least double, but it depends on how high the mow is. The higher the mow, your loose hay will pack much tighter at the bottom, but if you only have five feet, say, you can get many many times more in if it's baled."

Another Man (Recording Secretary can not identify the voice on the tape): "One of the problems when we went to baled hay was that the barns were built for loose hay and we broke lots of beams in barns by having too much weight with the bales... It was quite a trick to load loose hay and then have it stay on the wagon until you got back to the barn."

S. Robert Powell: "I recently saw an article in a magazine on how to make a haystack. There is apparently quite an art to making a haystack that stays up. You can't just throw the hay in a pile. Those kinds of skills are quickly disappearing. Who do you know who's made a haystack this year? At one point, everyone in Clinton Township knew how to make a haystack, but now, who does, except maybe John Rude. And while I was thinking about haystacks and haying, I was also thinking about flower gardens, which mean a lot to me, and I wonder who has memories of flower gardens, their mother's flower garden or their grandmother's flower garden. LaVange, any old fashioned flower gardens that you can tell us about?"

LaVange Arnold: "I used to have quite a lot of flowers when I lived down in Pennsylvania. I had flowers for the church. I liked the delphinium and the snapdragons. They made up nice in the baskets for the church."

Fred Olver: "I remember that 52 loads of hay would fill up our barn."

Edith Gardner: "When Aunt Augusta came to live with us, she brought her ferns, and now the fern is touching the floor."

Fred Olver: "After the Griswold farm burned down, the yellow rose bush from the farm was transplanted to Carbon-dale and now the bush has pink flowers."

Sam Curtis: "Some plants are sensitive to the ph in the soil and that may account for the change."

John Rude: "We had a pumpkin that we threw up in the air and it came down a squash."
Mary Rebernik: "Speaking of re-cycling. A good place to keep old newspaper clippings is in paper towel tubing in a bag in the attic."
Alfred Shaffer: "Re-cycled paper is now used for bedding for animals."
Mary Rebernik: "Yes, and it causes a rash on the udders."
Francis Curtis III: "So paper litter is an udder disaster."

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With that, the 83rd Annual Business Meeting of the Griswold Reunion was adjourned.

The 84th Griswold Reunion will take place at the Moosic Grange on Saturday, August 18, 1990, beginning at noon.

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EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GRISWOLD REUNION August 18, 1990

The 84th annual reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden took place on August 18, 1990, at the Moosic Grange Hall, R. D., Waymart, PA.
Around 11:00 A.M., members of the family began arriving at the Grange Hall which, as usual, thanks to Nick Buroff and the members of the Grange, was very clean and in perfect order for the Reunion. There is always a certain amount of table re-arranging and chair moving that goes on at such times as well as getting the coffee pot going and deciding on where to put the food for the buffet: on one of the long tables "on the stage" or on the counter tops and table in the kitchen. The decision was finally made to put the multitude of covered dishes on the counter tops in the kitchen and on the table therein and have everyone pass through the kitchen and fill their plates.
What an array of first class food! Only at family reunions, church suppers and other covered-dish dinners sponsored by private organizations can you dine as well and as bountifully. All restaurants everywhere seem pale by comparison. Not unlike the rest of humanity, the Griswolds can hold their own when it comes to talking, but as soon as everyone has made his way through the kitchen at the Reunion, it suddenly becomes much quieter than it was before the food was served. And that, of course, is a great tribute to the cooks of the family!

The meal began at "around noon" and by "about 1 o'clock" the family gathered in the main hall of the Moosic Grange for the annual business meeting, which was chaired by the President of the Reunion, Francis Curtis III.

Francis Curtis III: "Welcome to the 84th Griswold Reunion. Happy to have you all here. Happy we have such a nice day. Did everyone sign the registration book?"

As the final registrations were made in the minute book, everyone, in turn, introduced himself to the group. When he introduced himself, Fred Olver remarked: "I was here in 1906. I was 4 at the time." When all was said and done, the following 45 persons signed the registration book:

Mary Theresa Rebernik, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Carol Warner, Wendy and Candice Kille, Mary Zollbrecht, Clarence E. Loomis, Ruth Loomis, Judy Blair, Marge Olver Schofield, Francis Curtis, Ann Tyler and Gerals W. Case, Amy and Zachariah Grace, Jill Schermerhorn, William and Mary Schermerhorn, Laura Schermerhorn, Minna Blair, Dorothy L. Olver, Fred Olver, Mildred Wright LaBarre, Jane Shaffer, Gloria Johnston, Alice Williams, Alfred Shaffer, S. Robert Powell, Edith A. Gardner, Gertrude Snyder, Harriette Sochan, Beatrice Bartholomay, Myrtle Curtis, Doris Howell, Helen Giles, Doris Mead, Jennifer Eroh, Marjorie Gravalec, Stephen Gravalec, Becky Geuther, Andy Geuther, John R. Gardner, Dorothy W. Gardner, Donald W. Powell II, and Donald W. Powell.

The annual "superlatives" were then determined.
OLDEST: "I think I probably get that honor," said Edith Gardner. "I was 93 on the 8th of July." Other senior members present: Gertrude Snyder, 90; Myrtle Curtis, 89; Fred Olver, 88; Beatrice Bartholomay, 87; Alice Lund, 83.
YOUNGEST: Gerald Walter Case, who was born on 11-30-1989.

TRAVELED THE FARTHEST TO THE REUNION: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Loomis, who traveled 240 miles from Hope Valley, Rhode Island.

TRAVELED THE SHORTEST DISTANCE TO THE REUNION: Doris Mead, who traveled 2 1/4 miles from Creamton. Myrtle Curtis lives about 3 miles from the Grange Hall.

FAMILY WITH THE MOST PRESENT: the Rude/Schermerhorn/Tyler family, with 8 members present. Six members of the Alfred Shaffer family were present.

S. Robert Powell: "I can tell you a remarkable fact about one of these senior members of the family, Gertrude Snyder. She is over 90 years old and she drove here from Danville on Thursday. I think that that is extraordinary." A warm round of applause was then given to Gertrude Snyder.

SRP: "Some members of the family have brought with them today some extraordinary things for us to look at. Clarence Loomis then took the floor.

Clarence Loomis: "This is the Loomis genealogy book, and this is the book that was published in 1964 on the first fifty years of the Loomis Institute ("The Harvest of Our Lives. The History of The First Half-Century of The Loomis Institute. by L. W. Fowles, 118 pages), and this is the Loomis Chaffee catalogue for 1989-1990. Ruth and I were fortunate enough to attend the 350th anniversary of the Loomis Homestead and the 75th anniversary of the Loomis Institute on May 26, 1990. This is the program for the day. This is a map of the Loomis-Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut. This is an eight-page brochure on "Loomis Families of America, a National Membership Organization, Post Office Box 17, Denair, CA 95316. Here is a copy of the Windsor Historical Society News, Volume VII, No. 6, November 1989. And finally, here are a couple of napkins marked: "Happy 75th Birthday Loomis Chaffee." In some of my drives around the country, I went through Griswold, Connecticut, and this is the information on the historical marker in Griswold, Connecticut:

G R I S W O L D

In 1771 Eliezer Jewett opened a saw mill on the Pachaug River, beginning the village of Pachaug City. This area, later named Jewett's City, was annexed to Preston from Norwich in 1786.

Desiring independence, the North Society petitioned the Legislature and was separated from Preston in 1815. The newly formed town was named for Roger Griswold, a Federalist governor.

Griswold was the last town incorporated under the old constitution of the State of Connecticut, the Charter of 1662. Settlers were attracted to this area, then part of Preston, by the rich land of the Pachaug River Valley. The first permanent settlement was founded near Pachaug about 1690 on land purchased from Owaneco, son of Uncas, the Mohegan Indian sachem.

In 1711 the first saw and corn mills were operating in Hopeville, and July of that same year marked the opening of a grist mill built at "the fals". The hamlet that grew up here was named for Isaac Glasko, famed ironworker.

When Preston divided into two ecclesiastical societies in 1716, a meeting house was erected at Pachaug for the North Society. Hezekiah Lord was the first minister.

Erected by the town of Griswold, the Griswold Historical Society and the Connecticut Historical Commission.

(Information on sign copied down by C. E. Loomis on 08-14-1990.)

Clarence Loomis: "And there is a Fort Griswold in Groton, Connecticut. I will send you a photograph of the historical marker in Griswold." (On 10-27-1990, two color photographs of the historical marker were received by SRP and will be maintained with the records of the Griswold Reunion.)



THE LOOMIS HOMESTEAD. Reproduced here from the cover of the program for the 350th Anniversary of the Loomis Homestead and the 75th Anniversary of the Loomis Institute, May 26, 1990. The Loomis Homestead was built in 1640 by Joseph Loomis (married Mary White) in Windsor, CT, and is located on the campus of the Loomis Chaffee School there.

Clarence Loomis then showed the Reunion the beautiful wooden box that he made to keep his copy of the Loomis genealogy. The name Loomis is on a plaque on the top of the box.

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SRP: "We have among us many collectors, and I think that collectors and their collections are always interesting. Beatrice Bartholomay has an interesting collection. Tell us about your collection Beatrice."

Beatrice Bartholomay: "I started collecting pencils and pens 30 to 35 years ago. They're from students I had in school and from places where I have been. Every place I go I buy a pen or pencil with the name on it, and in my attic I have eight shoe boxes full and the last time I counted I had 2,700. I have every one of the presidents now. The first 25 have the years on them that they were in office, and the year that they were born and the year they died, that's for the first 25, but the rest, it's just their names. Two thousand seven hundred was my last count and I've been given a few since then and I really appreciate them."

SRP: "Well I have three more for you. General George Armstrong Custer commemorative pen; Holt Lumber Co., Carbondale; and a Students Against Drunk Driving crooked pen."

Beatrice Bartholomay: "Oh thank you. I appreciate them."

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SRP: "We have another object in our show and tell today, and I will walk around the room with it. Edith and Gertrude will tell us about this extraordinary object."

Edith Gardner: "Well, when our grandmother, Louisa Griswold, and their (Donald and Robert Powell) great grand mother, Laura Griswold, were little girls, it was quite the thing for girls to have samplers, and our grandmother made this sampler when she was 10 years old, so, Gertrude said, well it's getting so dull, I said, what can you expect, they didn't have dyes like they have today, whatever she used for the coloring, which is red, we don't know, but at least the alphabet is plain and her name is very weak but it's all here and we prize it highly. It was a sampler, and meant nothing to anybody. It was folded and it was up in their home in Curtis Valley, and Aunt Augusta, who spent her last years with us, brought it over folded, and at that time, Edith Dix, for whom I was named, said, well that's a shame to have that folded because it's going to crack and break apart. So, she took it and had it framed, and now you can see the important parts of the sampler, and we prize it highly, so that's family. It dates back far enough to be Griswold. It's signed on the bottom: 'Louisa Griswold aged 10 years, 1839.'"

SRP: "One evening we were looking at this sampler at 80 Cemetery Street and not long after that I was reading a book on Elizabeth the First of England and I came across this section on needlework in the Elizabethan world and allow me to read you a paragraph from that book:

Needlework was their traditional pass time and it took years of diligent labor to progress from the simple cross stitch, crewel and feather stitch of samplers to the twist, back stitch, satin stitch and chain stitch required by intricate decorative embroidery. Little girls applied themselves to stitching the alphabet and sententious proverbs on wall hangings. By age 6 or 7, they had progressed to fancier work and were able to decorate cushions and clothing. There were dozens of styles to master and an accomplished needlewoman of ten or twelve could spend most of her free time hidden behind an embroidery frame, skeins of thread wound round her neck, her kirtle prickly with needles. Parents found the hours lost in the work reassuring. One nobleman wrote that all daughters should be put to vast embroidery projects that will ever be in the beginning and never ended. At age 6, Elizabeth the First presented her two year old brother with a cambric shirt of her own working and the following year she gave him another piece of needlework.

Donald W. Powell photographed this Louisa Griswold sampler during a visit to 80 Cemetery Street and presented Edith and Gertrude with prints of those photographs at the Reunion: one photograph of the portion of the sampler on which the name Louisa Griswold is given ("Louisa Griswold aged 10 years, 1839") and another of the entire sampler.

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SRP: "Who brought these beautiful flowers?"
Doris Mead: "I did. They're from my husband's (Clyde E. Mead) garden in Creamton."
Mary Rebernik: "They're the cream of the crop, right?"

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Doris Howell: "Leeta Geuther phoned this morning, and she wanted to be remembered to everyone. She drives her car, I think, but she didn't think she'd be able to get in the steps here at the Grange. She goes with a cane."

On 08-20-1990, Leeta Geuther wrote to the Reunion to say: "Sorry I was unable to be at the Reunion. I'm writing to say I'd love to receive the Newsletter of the Reunion."

On 10-28-1990, Leeta sent in a donation to the Reunion and enclosed the following note: "Sorry I haven't sent this check before but I'm having medical problems, so hard for me to get around. I appreciate your sending me the Newsletter from the Griswold Reunion. Sorry I can't attend the reunions anymore. I have a couple of births and one marriage to report. . ."

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SRP: "We have some world travelers in our midst. Gertrude Loomis Schaffer spent some time in Norway this Spring. Would you tell us about that Gertrude?"

Gertrude Schaffer: "I didn't bring any pictures. They're in my car. We came in Carole's. On the 11th of April I got on the plane at Avoca and went to Newark, New Jersey, and from Newark went to Oslo, Norway, and my daughter lives two hours south of there in Tonsberg, which is the oldest known city in Norway. We had a wonderful time there. You get to meet more people when you're living with a family and staying in one place than you would as a tourist. I got to go to the school musicals, the school had a yard sale, I went to the gymnastic competition. I have two granddaughters, one plays the piano very well, she's 14 years old, and the other little girl is 9. I went to their schools and we went swimming in the ocean. Everybody has a boat and I was invited out to coffee in many places. My husband and I were there six years ago and everybody I met at that time had to invite us back. Coffee is a tradition in Norway. The coffee consists of coffee put on the coffee table and then they always have some kind of dessert."

SRP: "How about the language. Did you have any difficulty with the language?"

Gertrude Schaffer: "No, because almost everybody speaks English, or if they don't quite dare to speak it, they understand it, and some of them speak it very well. I had more problems going to the grocery store and trying to figure out how many kroners is equal to how many dollars. Most of the clothing is imported, and they have different customs. They don't set the table with a teaspoon. If they have dessert, the spoon is in front of the plate. There are lots of things that are just a little bit different, but everybody helps you. I have brought a donation, in kroners, for the collection plate. It depends on the

exchange rate, but it's about 6,200 kroners but it's in dollars. I went to church over there and every bit of that service was also translated into the English language and the closing song was an American melody, Amazing Grace. I got to see a lot of places. My son-in-law took me up in the mountains and we took a lot of pictures. There's a big hotel up in the mountains and we went to see the heavy water plant which is now a museum. Reader's Digest had an article on that at one time. It was the takeover at that plant that ended the war because the Germans needed that heavy water to make ammunition. And the Americans had part in the takeover. One time the Americans tried to bomb it. They missed, and they bombed a nearby town, but eventually some of the Norwegian boys were in England and from England the Americans and English boys climbed the mountains. One of the boys went within a quarter of mile of his parents' home but they didn't dare to make contact with them. They went in through the sewer pipes and took over the plant and now it's a museum. They also have a restaurant there. I was in Norway for two months and they want me to come back to be there for next May when my granddaughter is being confirmed. I find that in Norway some of our religious holidays are legal holidays. Ascension Day is one, Pentecost is another, and they observe them. They are very serious about it. I know that the church that I went to is a Lutheran Church."

SRP: "I pronounced the name 'Oslo' as though the 's' were a 's.' I think most of us in America do. Is that incorrect?"

Gertrude Schaffer: "The Norwegians pronounce that 's' as if it were a 'z.' My 14 year old grand daughter can speak English better than I can. She reads a lot but when she goes to school they have British English and there a quite a few words that are different in Britain than here, and over there I learned that the English people still refer to America as 'the colonies' after all this time. I came back on the fifth of June. Norway isn't a little country. We think of it as being small. Norway is the stepping stone to Europe and the people are very nice, and I noticed over there that the Norwegian men treasured their women. It's a whole different attitude. My daughter met Terje in Scranton and he was over here to learn to fly. May daughter said that when she met him she thought that he was very kind and considerate and after being married to him for 19 years she says that he is still kind and considerate."

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Mary Rebernik: "I have a daughter-in-law from Turkey, grand-daughter-in-law. My grandson is married to a girl from Turkey, while he was in the service he married her."

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Alice Curtis Lund: "I have a piece of linen that Grandmother Curtis made. She raised the flax and made the thread and wove this piece of linen. I have it at home. And I also have Grandmother's buttle ladle, and I want to show you (SRP) and Donald it some time."

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GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER

S. Robert Powell: "We have here the current issue of the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER, dated today, and we will hand them out to all present now. On page 1 of this issue (Volume I, Number 5, August 18, 1990) you will see the "Vital Statistics Update, 1989," which is a composite list of all births, marriages, achievements and deaths reported at the 83rd Griswold Reunion. On pages 2-4, there is a copy of the Griswold Reunion Mailing List, as of today. If there are any corrections, additions or subtractions to be made to this list, please let me know. I think it is very interesting to see just who we are, the known descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. On page 4 is a complete report on the finances of the organization for this 84th Reunion, including a list of those persons who contributed financially to the Reunion between August 1989 and November 8, 1989."

Copies of Volume I, Number 5 of the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER were then distributed to those present in the Moosic Grange Hall. On September 8, 1990, 191 copies of this same newsletter were mailed to the complete membership list of the Reunion: 22 to 18407, 18 to 18431, 17 to 18472, 7 to 18421, 7 to 18470, 16 to New York State, 49 out of Pennsylvania, and 56 everywhere else in PA except those places listed here. The cost of mailing those 191 copies was \$16.80. The cost of printing 250 copies of this newsletter was: \$126.00.

Two hundred and one copies of the two-page announcement of the 1990 Griswold Reunion were mailed out on 07-11-1990, at a cost of \$17.19 (26 to Carbondale, 102 elsewhere in PA, 18 to New York, 6 to New Jersey, 4 to California, 8 to Washington, and 37 elsewhere in the USA). The printing cost for these 201 announcements was \$30.00.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Donald W. Powell: "The financial report for this year is on the back page of the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER dated today. The long and the short of it is that we have a balance in our savings account of \$188.74 after all expenses from last year. We have the expense today of \$25 for the use of the Grange Hall and \$10 to the Griswold Family Association of America for annual dues. The total cost of printing and mailing the announcement for this year's Reunion was \$47.19. The total cost of printing and mailing this year's GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER was \$142.80. We'll take up this year's collection now by passing this tin box. Let's fill it with money."

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY/HISTORIAN'S REPORT

S. Robert Powell

1. On May 9, 1990, Gertrude Loomis Schaffer mailed a post card to SRP from Norway, with the following message: "I'm spending several weeks in the land of the midnight sun and soft music and soft water showers, enjoying my granddaughters. Hearing Christine play the piano and Diana the flute, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. The language difference is not a problem but sometimes an inconvenience. The Steistø family sends greetings. I'll be home the first week of June. Here 'down South' in Spain!" The post card was then passed around for all to read and to enjoy.

2. On September 14, 1990, Viola Silks wrote: "I lived with Uncle Will and Aunt Laura Rude, went to school in Clinton Center for a short time, then to Aldenville. Graduated from a three-year high school and then went to Carbondale and graduated from the same school that my mother did, and Dwight Rude was a professor at the time. I lived with Dwight and Margaret Rude while completing my four-year high school training. I appreciate your sending this information to me. The Curtis Reunion, Clinton Center Baptist Church brings wonderful memories to me. Love, Viola E. Silks."

3. A clipping from the Carbondale News, page 1, 12-06-1989, on which is given a photograph of the nurses on the third shift at Carbondale General Hospital was then showed to the group. Jill Schermerhorn is one of those nurses.

4. Pearl Brudos from Lake City, South Dakota, wrote to the Reunion on August 9, 1990.

SRP: "Edith, will you review for us, just in case there might be someone here who is not conversant on the family history, how the Brudos family fits into the Griswold picture."

Edith Gardner: "That isn't hard. Will Curtis and Francis Curtis decided that when the central part of the United States was opened up for shareholders that they would become settlers and they went to South Dakota. Francis, Uncle Frank, got there, turned around and came home. That's as much as he settled in South Dakota. But Will decided to stay and he married a Petersen woman and they had this huge tract of land that needed lots of men. So they had a daughter. Well, that's alright, the next one will be a son. It was a daughter, and so it went for seven. When they got through they had seven girls and no boys, and needing lots of help, and he said, well it didn't make much difference because he had sons-in-law. And the girls as they married, nobody took up and he eventually lost out on the whole thing, so that was the story of the seven girls, and Leona Vaughn is one of those girls; so is Pearl Brudos."

On August 10, 1990, Pearl Brudos wrote as follows: "Thanks for the Griswold Reunion Newsletter. I have two deaths in our family to report: Augusta Curtis Ewing, age 97, of Bellingham, Washington, died May 1st, 1990, and Nellie Curtis Lawson of Apache Junction, Arizona, died August 17th, 1989. I'm sorry we won't be at the Reunion this year. Distance is a big factor. Hope you have a nice day and a happy day. Sorry we can't make it. A special greeting to Edith Gardner."

5. Clarissa Treat Sheehan sent in the Arnold Reunion statistics for the year on August 16, 1990. In her report on the Arnold family, she reported that Donna DeVita Treat will be the new historian of the Arnold Reunion.

SRP: "Clarissa Sheehan has served as the historian of the Arnold Reunion for many years. Every year she sends to us a very complete and accurate list of the births, marriages and deaths on the Arnold branch of the Griswold family. She has done a wonderful job as Arnold Reunion historian and her contributions to the history of the Griswold family will long be remembered. I wish she were here today so that we could give her a warm round of applause in appreciation and thanks for a job well done."

6. On July 24th, 1990, Harold V. Olver wrote to the Reunion as follows: "Dear Mr. Powell: We will not be making a trip up North this summer and will therefore be unable to attend the Reunion. Having been a member of the Reunion since it was organized in 1906, at the age of 12, and acting as President for three years, 1929-1930-1931, I will always maintain interest in the organization. Distance prevents attendance. I would appreciate if you will keep me informed of Reunion activities. Please confer my regards to all relatives present. (Signed) Harold V. Olver, Clearwater Beach, FL."

7. Alice Curtis Lund has given the Reunion a copy of the obituary of her sister, Rose C. Wihtol, who died in Pompano Beach, FL on Wednesday, July 11, 1990, at the age of 90. From that obituary we learn that she graduated from Bucknell University and then received a Master's Degree from New York University in Home Economics and a Certificate of Costume Design from the Pratt Institute. She taught Home Economics at Washington Irving High School, New York City, and retired in 1967. She was a member of the Major William Lauderdale Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

8. On 07-06-90, Nancy Hungerford Bostwick, from Hamden, CT, sent back the Reunion questionnaire with updated information on the Bostwick family and the following note: "Sorry we can't make the Reunion this year. What a memorable date for our family. August 18th, the birthday of my grandfather, Dwight Rude, the birthday of my sister, Beth Clarkson Hungerford, and the birthday of my daughter, Emilie Clarkson Bostwick."

9. SRP: "We have an update sheet from Claude Manaton in Oregon. I've never met him but he strikes me as being an interesting person. He is very careful about recording in-

formation. He has done a lot of work in England on the Griswold family and has sent the Reunion copies of important parish records for our archives."

Doris Mead: "He is a grandson of Olga Stiles Griswold. He works for the government. His son joined the Mormon religion and his son went over to England as a Bishop, I believe."

10. On July 21, 1990, Eileen Weick, 2737 East 21st Street, Tucson, AZ 85716 requested a copy of Volume II, Number 2 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, in which a history of the Clinton Township Griswolds is given. Does anyone know Eileen Weick? Is she connected to the Clinton Township Griswolds?

11. On August 9, 1990, Esther Patey Forsberg sent in a donation to the Reunion and enclosed the following note: "I would love to be there to get acquainted with my cousins. My mother, Amanda, was a great influence on my children. David is an ordained minister, and Gerladine has been with Campus Crusade for Christ for 15 years, and Sandra Nelson is president of Womens' Aglow."

12. On July 15, 1990, Dianne Stiles, Canton, PA, sent in a donation to the Reunion and enclosed the following note: "We will not be able to attend the Reunion this year as we will be in Plano, Texas, where Karen is now living and our first grandchild is due to arrive on or about August 20th. Will be thinking of you all."

13. Leona Curtis Vaughn sent in a donation to the Reunion on July 18, 1990, and enclosed the following note: "I would like to come back but not possible this year. I've just returned from a tour of Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Austria, with the climax to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Also brought home a piece of the Berlin Wall." Leona also reported the death, on August 17, 1989, of Nellie Curtis Lawson, in a nursing home in Chandler, Arizona. Nellie Lawson was a retired Registered Nurse who spent most of her life in the Chicago area and who suffered a stroke in May.

14. Judith A. Blair sent in a donation to the Reunion on August 26, 1990, and enclosed the following note to the Treasurer, Donald W. Powell: "So sorry this is late, Donald. When I picked up Mother to head to Carbondale for the Reunion, I left my purse at her house! I had the form and my checkbook, safely resting in Milton. Hope it helps a little. I value my association with the Griswold Reunion, and congratulate you and Robert for your efforts on our behalf."

15. On September 19, 1990, we were pleased to learn that the complete Griswold Reunion Mailing List, as published in Volume I, Number 5 of the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER is being used actively by members of the family. Patricia C. Lawrence wrote to Donald Powell the following note: ". . . Thank you for the up-dated listing. Have now learned where Bea Spangenberg (nee Arnold) is--which makes this a really handy reference..."

16. On September 10, 1990, Dorothy C. Hornbeck sent in a donation to the Reunion and expressed her appreciation on receiving the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER. She also reported a new address for Kenneth Johnson (10508 West 56th Street, Shawnee, KS 66203) and reported the death of Connie Cooley Johnson on June 21, 1990. Connie was the daughter of Florence Curtis Cooley.

17. In her letter to Donald and Robert Powell of October 24, 1990, Alice Curtis Lund reported the following on her garden in Pomona Park, FL: "... Guess the hurricane left more water in Penna. than here, we had a nice shower but no extra. It's dry again. My Florida garden is small, in a bed with flaps to put down to keep it warm. There's some lettuce, three tomato plants, three cucumbers. Flowers are some petunias, pinks and mums. When glad bulbs are on sale, there will be some of them, too. Roses are pretty dilapidated but some trying to bloom. Mowing isn't the chore here as up there, grass creeps along the ground, too discouraged to grow. It is so low the mover can't catch it, only gets a weed now and then..."

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REPORT ON THE COLLECTION FROM THE TREASURER

Donald W. Powell: "Not counting the checks in the mail, just what we got her in this room this afternoon, including some \$20 bills, we have a total of \$75.74. Thank you very much. That's grand."

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Gertrude Snyder: "Mr. President, I'd like to thank Donald and Robert Powell for all the work that they do in getting all this material together. I think they deserve a lot of credit." The Powell brothers were then given a round of applause by the Griswold Reunion.

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SRP: "One of the things that the national family organization, the Griswold Family Association of America, does is produce hard cover volumes of the family's history, such as this one, Volume VII of Griswold Family: England and America, published in 1983. This happens to be Copy No. 20 of this Volume. When this volume was being prepared, by the Griswold genealogists, Robert and Esther French, I sent to them a copy of Volume II, Number 2 of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, in which all of the known descendants, at that time, 1981, of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden of Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA, are listed. And so all of the material in this issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA is either listed or referenced in Volume VII of Griswold Family: England and America.

One of the things that Robert and Esther French did not do was list the records of the female line of the daughters of the Griswolds beyond the daughters of mothers born with the name Griswold, even when such information was available. Personally, I strongly object to the exclusion of the female lines from this or any other family history.

In reading the February 1990 BULLETIN (No.90) of the Griswold Family Association of America, I was very pleased to read, on page 3 in the minutes of the Annual Meeting in Groton, Connecticut on October 7, 1989, the following paragraph:

'Esther French reported that she has often been asked why the records of the female line of the daughters of the Griswolds are not carried out beyond the daughters of mothers born with the name Griswold. She explained that to do so would create records and books that were too long. This sparked a lively discussion of the supporters of keeping records of the female line. Maxine Bullard, a new participant who had come to the Annual Meeting because of the advertisement Richard had placed in Yankee Magazine recounted the influence that her grandfather Griswold had had in her life. Bonnie Griswold, the mother of three daughters, reported that her studies seem to indicate that Griswolds are more likely to produce daughters than sons. Finally a motion was made, seconded, and passed that a committee, consisting of Joanna Brunso, Virginia Lake, and the Registrar, Andrew Pikosky, be appointed to investigate how the records of the female line could be included and/or published and to report back to the members at the next GFA Annual Meeting.'

On May 21, 1990, I wrote to Brunso, Lake and Pikosky and congratulated them on behalf of their efforts on behalf of the female lines in the published volumes of Griswold history by the GFA. I also volunteered my help and Donald's help to correct the problem. I also invited Burnso, Lake and Pikosky, as well as the officers of the GFA for 1988-1989 to attend our Reunion here today in Clinton Township. On July 29, 1990, Betty Young, Regional Vice President, GFA West Coast Chapter, wrote me as follows:

'Thank you for your invitation to your Griswold Reunion. I had heard there was a family branch in PA, but am curious as to where you obtained my name and address.

Sorry I can't make it this year since we were already committed to a fall foliage tour of the New England states and attending the Reunion of the Griswold Family Assn. of America in Clinton, CT, on Oct. 5-7. Will take a rain check, however, and would like to invite you to come to ours.

I am a 11th generation descendant from Edward Griswold who settled in Windsor, CT, in 1639. My father being 10th in direct all male lineage. Is your John G. descended from Edward or his brothers Francis or Matthew?

Our GFA genealogists have recently printed the 8th volume of Griswold genealogy, and I would be happy to put you in touch with them.

Would you please send me information about your family branch. I've been working on my own family genealogy as a hobby since our children have been grown. It really is interesting to me and I have recruited new members into the GFA from the west coast areas for the last ten years.

Perhaps in the future our groups could consolidate the Reunions. It would be a big undertaking, however, and take a lot of planning.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Betty Young, née Griswold.'

SRP: "Can you imagine how difficult it would be to work out a joint reunion!"

Francis Curtis III: "How about Iowa."

SRP: "Yes, that's it. We'll have Francis Curtis drive us out in a bus."

On August 19, 1990, SRP received a reply to Andrew Clark Pikosky, one of the people to whom he wrote on this matter of the female lines, as follows:

'Thank you for your letter regarding Griswold female lines and your experiences therewith.

Having recently received notice of your Griswold Reunion, held yesterday at Waymart and Curtis Valley, PA, I was reminded, once again, of your thoughts on this subject.

Perhaps I did write you already, but in the event I failed to do so, I do want to express my sympathy to you. Female lines, in any family, are always a problem, but you might have felt pleased to have had several of the Griswolds who come down, like I do, through a Griswold mother, grandmother, etc. express their thoughts on the subject at the Spring Board meeting. Even I was surprised. In fact, they did such an excellent job, I could only agree. There was no need to do anything.

Right now the GFA is in the midst of a new publishing project, a revised first 5 generations, an ambitious job, which hopefully will be done in the Fall.

The 'professional genealogist' which the GFA engaged for some 30+ years was quite dead set against Female Lines, which historically is doubtless the reason one or more of the several 'catch all' volumes never included any. In some of the families this is done, when someone on a branch happens to be an active member and/or a genealogist. If it isn't too long, a footnote is used. These footnotes often run on half page and more. D. L. Jacobus often used this style of footnote, by the way. So, there is an excellent precedent. The Merwin family volumes, printed and edited by the Connecticut Historical Society often threw in a brief female line, as for myself.

At best, it is a delicate subject, but based on recent comments, I would feel it is a very distinct possibility, but not this year or next. Providing everything holds together, and the mid-East crisis doesn't escalate, two years hence might be a timetable to start such a volume.

However, the fund raising side presents quite another hurdle. How well the revised new volumes will go is still not definite. Libraries may buy it, but by no means all. Actually very few libraries bother with genealogies. Most,

but not all, will accept one if it's given to them.

I was favorably impressed by the simple reunion get together you people are having.

Today I have just returned from what is an annual reunion for a long gone Methodist Church in North Goshen. It was a busy three hours for the 40+ people who came. A UCC minister conducted some of the service. Descendants and connections provide a lively time of conversation. This year the Halls dominated the event, since A. Hall's house was opened for a reception following the service, by the present owners of the house. I have both a Hall connection, as well as a bona fide Hall line. But it does show how small the world can be at times.

Hopefully, we can keep in contact with you people down in Pennsylvania.

Best Regards,

Andrew Clark Pikosky'

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SRP: "Are there any additional births, marriages, achievements, or deaths to be recorded for this year? If there are, please write down the information and make sure that I get it by the end of the Reunion today."

Francis Curtis III: "How are we doing about officers. Do we need to elect officers?"

SRP: "No, we're alright this year because we elected last year."

Francis Curtis III: "That's what you told me last year."

SRP: "I know, but I didn't think you'd remember!"

Francis Curtis III: "Does anyone have any other contributions to the Reunion?"

SRP: "Alice, tell us about your garden."

Alice Curtis Lund: "It's bad. It's about the worst year ever. I have a problem down there (Florida) because the state runs salt water and it comes down on my garden. Up here in Seelyville, I have had problems with raccoons and deer. I couldn't keep them out of the garden. I tried everything that everybody told me and nothing worked. Finally I had heard that they were afraid of lights, particularly a kerosene light, because it had an odor. Well, I used that, but it was messy. So, then I got Christmas lights, the blinking ones, and the coons and the deer both stay away."

SRP: "So, if you drive through Seelyville some night and see Christmas lights in the garden, you'll know who's house your passing."

Alice Curtis Lund: "And now my neighbors are starting to use Christmas lights."

Mary Rebernik: "Well, we had a bear right in town, Vandling, right in my daughter's yard."

Francis Curtis III: "I want to thank you all for coming. When we get this many here it makes for a very interesting gathering. We'll meet here next year on the third Saturday in August. Now don't run away, Donald is going to take our picture."

And with the taking of the group photograph by Donald W. Powell, the 84th Griswold Reunion was adjourned.

THE SIX SONS OF JOHN AND ELIZABETH (CRITTENDEN) GRISWOLD

John Griswold (1754-1843) and Elizabeth Crittenden (1761-1851) were married in Sandisfield, MA, in October 1790. In the winter of 1813-1814, together with their six sons, they came to Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA. Their six sons are as follows (the number in parentheses after each son's name is the number that he has been assigned by the Griswold historian, Glenn E. Griswold):

1. John (838), born 07-09-1792, married Louisa Johnson.
2. Francis (839), born 11-14-1793, married Jane Loomis.
3. Orrin (840), born 04-19-1796, married Lois Deming.
4. Sumner (841), born 08-20-1798, married Clarissa Gelatte.
5. Horace (842), born 11-15-1800, married Louisa McKnight.
6. Sedate (843), born 10-01-1802, married, first, Julia Burns; second, Nancy ?

THE LOOMIS FAMILY IN AMERICA

In 1639, Joseph Loomis and his wife, Mary White, and their eight children arrived in America from Braintree, England, and thereby established the Loomis family in America. In 1640, Joseph Loomis built the family homestead at the confluence of the Farmington and Connecticut Rivers, on the campus of what is today the Loomis Chaffee School, Windsor, CT 06095. The 350th anniversary of the Loomis Homestead and the 75th anniversary of the Loomis Institute were celebrated on May 26, 1990.

WHERE DO WE FIT INTO THE GRISWOLD PICTURE?

The Griswolds of Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA are descended from the English Griswolds who were established at Solihull, Warwickshire, England, prior to 1400. It is from Michael Griswold (born in 1597 in England, settled in Wethersfield, CT), one of the five sons of George Griswold of Kenilworth, England, that the Griswolds of Clinton Township are descended. "Our" John Griswold (1754-1843) has been assigned the number 375A by the Griswold historian Glenn E. Griswold. In October 1790, in Sandisfield, MA, John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden (1761-1851) were married. In the winter of 1813-1814, together with their six sons, they came to Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA.

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THE 1994 GRISWOLD REUNION

This year's Griswold Reunion will take place on Saturday, August 20, beginning at noon, in the Moosic Grange Hall (located on the "North and South" between Waymart and Curtis Valley), Waymart, PA. The reunion will begin with a covered dish dinner at noon. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and their own table service. A business meeting will take place following the covered dish dinner.

A REPORT ON THE DECEMBER 1993 CHRISTMAS CARD

A Christmas card, together with a two-page letter from the Secretary about the proposed joint reunion in 1996 of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion and the Griswold Family Association of America, was mailed to everyone on the mailing list on December 21, 1993. (Copy of 2-page letter on p. 8 herein.)

For one reason or another, cards that were mailed to the following persons were returned to the Secretary by the U. S. Postal Service: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pazel, Mr. Philip C. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Townsend, Mrs. Robert Schenkel, Ms. Noreen A. Farrow, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bliss Treat, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Besette, Mrs. Kathleen Caviston, Mrs. Beulah Pazel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shepherd, Mrs. Fay Sosenko, Lieutenant Michael Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Johnson, Ms. Kimberly Salerno, Ms. Ruth Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bammerlin.

In some instances, the cards were returned because, as the Postal Service says, "forwarding time expired." In other instances, the cards were returned marked "addressee unknown." In all cases, the addresses used to mail these cards were, at one time, valid addresses. If anyone can report to the Secretary the correct current address of any of the people listed in the preceding paragraph, please do so. For the Secretary's purposes, it would be best if you wrote down on a piece of paper the correct current address of the persons involved.

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MINUTES OF THE 1993 GRISWOLD REUNION

The 87th reunion of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden took place in the Moosic Grange Hall, Waymart, PA, on August 21, 1993. The following persons signed the register: Jane Shaffer, Wendy Kille, Gloria Johnston, Eleanor Rude Alice Curtis Williams, Clarence E. Loomis, Ruth Loomis, Sam and Joan Curtis, John and Amy Rude, Mary and Bill Schermerhorn, Kathryn Forster, Beatrice Bartholomay, Minna Blair, Fred Oliver, Marge Schofield, Francis H. Curtis, Judy Blair, Dorothy Oliver, Bernice Dolan, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Myrtle W. Curtis, Doris C. Howell, Helen R. Powell, Donald W. Powell and S. Robert Powell.

Following a bountiful covered dish dinner, the business meeting took place. The members of the Griswold family, without any direction from anyone, rearranged the chairs and tables in the hall for the business meeting. The Secretary commented to the President just as the meeting was about to begin that the members of the family are well-disciplined. Francis Curtis remarked: "As most of you know now, we were in England on a bus tour, and I think it's the only group I've ever been with that was always back at the bus when they were supposed to be. So, that must be a trait of the Griswolds. Well organized."

The Secretary reported that the minutes of the GR in 1992 would be published in a forthcoming issue of the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER. The minutes for 1989 and 1990 are given in Volume I, Number 6 of the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER, which was published on August 17, 1991. The minutes for 1991 and 1992 will be published as soon as the Secretary can find the time to prepare them. The Secretary also reported that members of the GR who have paid for a "complete descendant list" (which is over 100 pages in length and which is updated annually) in the past couple of years will receive that list as soon as it is available.

President Curtis began the meeting by asking that all present introduce themselves to the group. The annual "superlatives" were then established:

Oldest member present: Fred Oliver, age 91 1/2
(Other "senior" family members present: Myrtle Curtis, 91; Beatrice Bartholomay, 90; Minna Blair, 88; Alice Curtis Williams, 86; and Helen R. Powell, 80.)

The six oldest members present were given a warm round of applause by the entire family.

Youngest member present: Wendy Kille, age 23

Traveled the farthest distance to the Reunion: Clarence and Ruth Loomis, 250 miles. (Also, Judy Blair, 129 miles)

Traveled the shortest distance to the Reunion: John and Amy Rude, 1.4 miles.

Family with the most members present: the Oliver family; also the Loomis family.

Robert Powell reported: "I was sitting in the Poultry Building at the Harford Fair, just yesterday, and this woman came in through the door and I said to myself: 'I know this woman, who is she?' It was Lavange Arnold's daughter, Fay Sosenko. She asked me to convey her greetings to one an all here today."

The Secretary reported that an unusually large number of the 1993 Griswold Reunion announcements were returned to him by the U. S. Postal Service. The

announcements returned by the Postal Service were addressed to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bliss Treat
Noreen Arnold Farrow
Ruth Arnold
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Spangenburg
Curtis Ewing
Kimberly Salerno
Geraldine Forsberg
Fay Sosenko
Philip Clark Loomis
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Loomis, Jr.
Esther Griswold
Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Bessette

The Secretary asked for current addresses, if known, for any or all of the preceding persons.

A list of names of persons who sent back the 1993 Griswold Reunion questionnaire and/or contributions for the Griswold Reunion treasury was then read by the Secretary. Those persons are as follows: Mildred LaBarre, Jerry and Marjorie Cook, Susan Rose, Harold Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stiles, Minna Blair, Claude and Geneva Manaton, Esther and Harry Forsberg, Clarence Loomis, Patricia Lawrence, Curtis and Phyllis Brudos, William and Kathryn Forster, Leona Vaughn, Douglas and Helen Blair, Russell and Patricia Peltz.

The Secretary thanked all who returned the questionnaires and/or contributed information for the record.

A "show and tell" then took place. It began with a presentation of photographs of Fort Griswold, Groton, CT, by Clarence Loomis, who pointed out that the fort was named after the first Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut. Colonel Ledyard was in command of the fort at the time of a British attack. Colonel Ledyard had to surrender and he turned his sword over to the major who was the head of the British contingent and instead of taking the sword, the major stuck the sword through Colonel Ledyard. A pamphlet on Fort Griswold was passed around the room. Two photographs of the historical marker in the town of Griswold, Connecticut, were also placed on the table for the group to look at. These two photographs of the Griswold historical marker in Griswold, Connecticut, were sent to the GR on 10-27-1990 by Clarence Loomis.

John Rude then spoke on the silk ribbons that were placed on the table for all to see. "I told the story last year about how Mr. Norton raised pigs, and every year he'd take them to the Wayne County Fair, and then to Chicago and then to Saint Louis. This fellow's grandfather (i.e., Francis Curtis' grandfather) and Uncle Will went with them. And I said I would bring those ribbons out if I could find them. Well, I found them about a month ago, and so I brought them along. They are silk ribbons from 1885. The one from the Saint Louis Fair is a blue ribbon, and the other is a red ribbon (second premium), awarded at the Illinois State Fair, Chicago, 1885."

Sam and Joan Curtis and Francis and Ann Curtis returned from a trip to England on August 19th, the day before the Griswold Reunion, and they brought with them many things for the group to see. Francis Curtis: "We went on the Griswold Family Association of America Heritage Tour No. 3. We went back to where the Griswolds originated in England, which is basically in the town of Solihull and vicinity, and visited a number of places associated with Griswold beginnings. One of the more interesting parts of the story was when we went to the Badsley-Clinton (?) Manor. It has a moat and is a fortified manor. During the reign of Henry VIII, when he changed the church to the Anglican church, one of our forebears was reluctant to join the church and was captured at this manor in Badsley-Clinton and was burned at the stake. There is a picture of him at a convent that we went to, which was also an interesting experience in itself. We got to go in and to meet the sisters there and they were very anxious to talk to us. We had quite an enjoyable time. "

Sam Curtis added: "One of the things that you people haven't gotten a hold of is "Our Griswold Family in England before 1639." I guess our ancestors came to this country before 1640. This book is available. This is the second edition. While we were there, a gentleman by the name of Bob Crates (?)

is seeking out information to add to this particular history. This book is available. This is Francis' copy. Another thing that was kind of exciting was a tea party on Sunday afternoon at a home at Solihull that they opened for us. The current owner had gotten the will that had been written by William Griswold. It was done the 30th of July, 1614. There are a couple of interesting pieces to it. It starts out: 'The will and testament of William Greswolde...' He goes through the opening statement and then goes on to say 'I, William Greyswolde....' Then he names his children in the article. He names Richard Greswold, and then later on he names a daughter, Dorothy Greswolde. So Griswold is spelled three different ways in this one will. And then when he signs it, it is William Greswold. So, he writes his own name three different ways."

Francis Curtis: "In fact, one of the things that we found is that seemed to be very common in England at that time, to not necessarily spell your name in the same way."

Sam Curtis: "The will gives an inventory of all his goods, and a value of them. It's kind of interesting as goes on: two beds, two blankets, two pillows, two bolsters.. all sorts of wooden ware... Two 2-year old heifers, 4 yearlings, 5 weaned calves, 2 mares, 25 sheep, 2 hogs, one day's work of rye, 5 days' work of oats and barley... and so forth. This is a very interesting will."

Francis Curtis: "Doesn't it tell his value?"

Joan Curtis: "It says in there that he was worth about 70 pounds. Somebody put that on a computer just recently to figure out what 70 pounds would be worth today, and it was over a million dollars."

Sam Curtis: "We visited a lot of churches and cathedrals and three in particular had connections to the Griswold family. We visited a Yardley (?) church that dates back to the 11th century. There is a Griswold that was the rector of that church at one point in time. We visited Saint Alphege in Solihull. We went to church there. It's an Anglican church. One Griswold was chaplain here, and a number of Griswolds are buried here. A coat of arms of the Griswold family is in a window there. And also the Griswold burial tapestry is hung in that church in Solihull. That church dates back to 920 A.D. Interestingly enough, in that church there was a gentleman by the name of Charles Curtis. He was rector from 1589 to 1639. A third church, reputed to be one of the oldest in England, is this one, Saint Peter's Church in Wooten Woven in Warwickshire, and we have some material on that particular church. We spent about 10 days in England, half of that time visiting places of interest to the Griswolds."

Francis Curtis: "We might mention that our group made the newspaper. Instead of inviting a celebrity to their money-raising carnival to repair the church, they had a visiting Griswold family group as their celebrities. They had a newspaper photographer there to take our picture... The area of England that the Griswolds came from is right near Birmingham, and the Griswolds came from this little area just south of Birmingham. It's called the Forest of Arden. That's the Shakespeare area. Stratford-on-Avon is in there and Shakespeare talks about the Forest of Arden in some of his plays. We flew into London. We did stop in Shannon, Ireland, for a half hour, so I can now say that I went to Ireland. They had to take a person off the plane who had a heart attack. We came into London. Spent some time at Windsor Castle outside London. Went to the Birmingham area for several days and then went to the mountains of northern England, the Lakes District, which is a beautiful spot. Then back down to Birmingham again. Passed through the old walled city of Chester. The Roman wall is still there. We walked around that wall, saw an amphitheatre where they had their usual Roman sporting events. Interestingly enough, the amphitheatre there was completely buried, and they were digging to put an extension on a convent there and they found this old Roman wall and dug and found the old amphitheatre. We then came down through what is called the Cotswolds on our way back to London. Everywhere you looked, there were sheep in the fields. It's a rolling hills area of England. In London, we went to a play, went to more castles, visited the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey. If you have any

questions or want to look at any of our pamphlets, please do. We've only been back about 24 hours, so we don't have pictures yet. Maybe next year we'll have some pictures to show you. There were 23 people on the tour. We saw this tour talked about in the GFA NEWSLETTER, got immediately interested in it, called these people in Wethersfield, CT. I went to the meeting in Vermont. They only had 16 for the tour and they didn't think that they could afford to run it unless they had 20, so I raised my hand and I said 'I'll get you 4 people' and they said, well, OK, then we'll go. The thing that surprised me at the meeting in Bennington is that I walked into the room and the people introduced themselves. They had a few more there than we have, by the way. The first one so-and-so Griswold, the second one, so-and-so Griswold, and so on. I began to think that the room was full of only Griswolds. But there were others. But at first it appeared like they all had the last name Griswold. In Clinton Township we don't have anybody with that last name any more."

Question from the floor: "Do they have this tour every year?"

Francis Curtis: "They have them about every six years. 1981, 1987, and then two years ago they were going to go, but then that was the year of the Gulf war and the trip was postponed."

Clarence Loomis: "I started out in the military with a captain whose first name was Griswold."

Sam Curtis: "One of the people on the trip with us, Dr. Brown, is the gentleman who invented the microwave oven. His wife was a Griswold."

The Secretary asked Francis Curtis if he would make a xerox copy of "The Griswolds before 1639" for the Griswold Reunion files. Francis Curtis said that the book was available from Wethersfield, but offered to make a xerox copy for the GR archives here in Clinton Township.

Francis Curtis: "I might also mention that we had a tour guide from England by the name of Harry Dance. We also had a bus driver who became our second tour guide, because it seemed that anything that Harry didn't know this bus driver would pipe right up and give the answer. He became the expert on anything that had to do with farming, agriculture or the countryside because he seemed to be much more closely associated with that than our tour guide. But they were both interesting people and we had a great time. Our bus driver was a phenomenal driver. He went places that I wouldn't go with a car."

Sam Curtis: "In the Lakes District there was a two-lane highway. Their lanes aren't as wide as ours and they have about 5-foot stone walls right up to the edge of the road on each side, and he took us through there right up to the walls."

Francis Curtis: "There was a line down the middle of the road, but I got to the point where I figured why did they bother because if you were on one side of the road, you lapped over onto the other side anyway, there wasn't enough room for the whole bus on one side of the line. We were in great hands and had a great time."

Joan Curtis: "On our way down through the Griswolds, I had talked to the driver and told him that we are United Methodists. He told us one story about John Wesley. John Wesley and a friend of his were at Oxford together and after they graduated, the friend got the vicarage at Stanton and John Wesley visited him frequently and had preached there. Apparently John Wesley had fallen in love with the guy's sister but they didn't marry because Wesley went on to found the church. So he took us to Stanton to see this church. Harry said to Fred: 'You won't be able to take the coach in here because there's no way to turn around. So Fred backed in. That was the only place that we stopped with any Wesley connection to it at all. One of the other funny comments that was made: the lectern was really beat up, something like 800 years old; it was beat up especially around the corners. Somebody said that that must have been from Wesley's preaching because no Anglican would have gotten that excited."

John Rude: "Last year, Amy and I took a trip over to England, and we went to Scotland. We went up from one side of the mountain to the other on the bus and the

road was one lane wide, and walled on both sides. About every half mile, there was a place where, if you saw somebody coming, you pulled off if you got there first so that the other one could go through. Our bus driver was telling us that on her earlier days of these tours they had to cross very steep bridges over the creeks. With the busses that we used to have, everybody had to get off the bus and walk across because the bus would drag in the middle of the bridge. We went around the corner and there were about a thousand sheep in the road. On the other side of the sheep, there was the bus, and there were the people walking over the bridge. But she said that our bus is higher built, a shorter wheel base so it gets over. We went over the bridge and you couldn't see the ground in front of the bus."

Joan Curtis: "The thing that I enjoyed as much as anything was the gardens. Absolutely beautiful."

S. Robert Powell: "We have here today some of the Curtis grandchildren from the Curtis Homestead. One of those grandchildren, Alice, has brought with her today not only a painting of the Curtis Homestead that she did but also some memories of the Curtis Homestead and of her grandmother that she would like to tell us about."

Alice Curtis Williams: "I'm going to sit and talk. This is the house on the corner, and this is done from memory. My dad built the white picket fence. The North and South Turnpike, I believe, was cut through in 1812. The Curtis Homestead was built in 1819. It was built by John Griswold, for his son Francis, and it was built for a tavern. The cattle drovers used the North and South for driving their cattle to market, and the water came to the tavern through pump logs and within my memory the pump logs were taken up and new pump logs put in. You had to go through one entire log with an auger. The spring was way up on the mountain so the water came by gravity. The Curtis Homestead became known as the Curtis Homestead. Eliza Banning was Henry B. Curtis' mother, and she was of royal blood. That through the Hamblin line. But the Hamblin line must have been kind of spunky because they had a row with the king and lost all of their property. So we didn't get any of that. This set up here, the Curtis Homestead, became known as the Curtis Homestead when Louisa Griswold (Francis Griswold's daughter) married Henry Banning Curtis, who was the son of Rev. Henry Curtis. The Henry Curtis name goes back way into England, and the present generation is the first generation that doesn't have a Henry Curtis in it. There (pointing to crayon portraits) are Louisa Griswold and Henry Banning Curtis. I was born in 1907 and I remember Grandmother, who died in 1913. The Powells come through the same line, through Laura Griswold, who was Louisa Griswold's sister. This set up in the valley was entirely self-sufficient. Back up on the place that Uncle Arthur had, there was a dam, and that dam furnished water for the water wheel that ground the grain and did the heavy work. Down by the house, right in back of the house on the hill, there was another water wheel which Grandmother used for her small work. Louisa Griswold Curtis had 11 children. She raised nine. She did the gardening, she made butter. I still have in my possession, someplace, a butter ladle that has the print of Grandmother's thumb in it, she made so much butter. She used to weave rugs by the yard. She planted flax, she wove it into linens for the family. Understand there were nine children growing up. She was a remarkable woman. I have, it's in Florida, a small piece of linen that she wove. It's a very small piece. The door on the North and South opens into a small hall. To the left is the parlor, to the right is what was the sitting room, but that was the bar room of the tavern in the old days. The small bedroom, the dining room and a room off the kitchen, a large room with only one window--I don't know what they used that room for, probably for an extra bed. And in the back of that room was the clothes press. This was a dark room where they kept all of their clothing, so the moths didn't get into it. Then away from the dining room was the kitchen, and that kitchen is pretty near as big as my house, it's a big kitchen. It has a door opening on the Forest City road, a door opening to the West, a door opening to the South. The door that opened to the South, right outside the window in the kitchen, that door opened to Grandmother's flower garden. All along the South of the house, that's this side, she had another narrow flower bed, and in the middle of that she had a huge red peony. I can remember that red peony as if it was yester-

day. Going out of the West door of the kitchen, you went into the summer kitchen. From the summer kitchen you went into the wood house. That has been torn down, that isn't there anymore. From that door there was a flagstone walk to the brook. And they had a flush toilet. It was built out over the brook. That was stopped not too long after but that was the way it was built. It was moved up on the hill right behind the house. To the left of the flagstone walk was the grainery. To the right, raised a little, was Grandmother's work room where she had the water wheel for the power. They didn't need electricity but in the early 1900's, my dad hooked up electricity. The water came from the pond behind Uncle Arthur's house, and they had their own unit. Our house was wired, Uncle Arthur's house was wired. But I'm not sure that the Curtis Homestead was. I don't remember seeing the wires, but I remember seeing them in our house. Grandmother had a big garden. I don't know how she did so much. Ask me some questions now."

Robert Powell: "I'd like to expand on what you said when you connected the Powells to the Griswolds and the Curtises. The Walter Rude family and the Loomis families are connected to the same tree. The Powells go back to Theron Loomis. Laura Loomis Rude and Herbert Loomis, the father of Clarence Loomis, and their brothers and sisters go back to Francis Earl Loomis. Theron and Francis were sons of Laura Griswold and Hiram Pease Loomis. Laura Griswold was the sister of Louisa Griswold Curtis. So, there are lots of us in the room today who connect up to the same pioneer settlers."

Alice Curtis Williams: "It's the same stem of the tree. The barn here that the drovers used was right on the corner. The second building back was the pig house, and they always, when Grandmother was living, had turkeys, and those turkeys, you'd get around them and they seemed like they were as big as a house."

Francis Curtis: "I heard at one time that they also at one time drove turkeys over the turnpike."

Alice Curtis Williams: "Possibly so, and in the background, to the right is the apple orchard, and Elizabeth Jones tells me that her father worked for Louisa and Henry Curtis for 20 years, and in that orchard they picked steady for three weeks. The apples were packed in barrels and shipped that way. For three weeks steady they picked apples. The chimney in the house went all the way down to the basement of the house. There were three fireplaces on the first floor, one in the tavern room, one in the dining room, and one in the parlor. Upstairs there were two fireplaces in the bedrooms. There were four bedrooms and a huge hall that they could put a bed in if they had extra people. In this chimney, on the inside of it, they had the shelves for the canned food."

Donald Powell: "Didn't your Grandmother gather plants and herbs and make medications. I think Edith Gardner used to tell us about that."

Alice Curtis Williams: "Grandmother had an herb book. It would up over on the Ridge Farm. It was in the cupboard there the last I saw it."

John Rude: "I can't tell you where it is now. I haven't seen it."

Alice Curtis Williams: "They raised on that farm everything that they used. The second building, down by the turkey in the painting, that was the pig pen. And in the upstairs of the pig pen is where the turkeys were put in at night. They had to put them in because of the wolves and the wild dogs, and so forth. And then the next building was the carriage house. And the one in the background, that was the milkhouse to the farm. Any questions?"

Female voice: "When did you paint this?"

Alice Curtis Williams: "It's some few years ago. I did it from memory."

John Rude: "They did have electricity in the corner house, the Curtis Homestead. My dad told me that at exactly 9 o'clock at night that Uncle Arthur would go out on his porch, where he had a rope, and he would pull on the rope. The rope went up to the thing and diverted the water away from the generator, and the lights were out in three houses."

Alice Curtis Williams: "The generator was in Uncle Arthur's house. They did have electricty, but they didn't need it because they had the water wheel that did all the heavy work. In my memory, my dad went to New Milford to run the electric plant over there. They had a dam and the flume down. He had to stay there nights. He had a bed, but he wasn't supposed to sleep. He was supposed to be there and take care of the electric. And Dwight Rude, John's father, and my brother, Henry, walked over to New Milford one time."

John Rude: "Dad had showed me where that house was."

Alice Curtis Williams: "We went back and I could pick out where the house was. That was the first time that I ever knew that there was such a thing as a spiral staircase, it was in that house. I was 5 years old at the time."

Male voice from the floor: "Where was that house?"

John Rude: "You get on Route 81, and you start going towards Binghamton from New Milford. There's a road that goes up through underneath. The house is just up that road."

Alice Curtis Williams: "We went over, after we got a car, and the building was all gone, but the bed was there yet. We drove the team, Louise, my mother, and I, drove the team 25 miles over to visit my dad when he was there. That was around 1912, and there was electricity over in New Milford at that time, but before that we had electric in our house."

John Rude: "Dad used to tell that any of the hemlock trees, the big logs, were split and Great Grandfather Curtis would split out of those shingles, and any day that he couldn't work outside, he had his shed, I don't know which one of these buildings it was, where he had it set up with the draw/shave so that he could make shingles, because it was a continual process of keeping enough shingles to keep all the buildings from leaking."

Robert Powell: "That must have been quite an innovation, that generator. There couldn't have been many places with a private generator."

Alice Curtis Williams: "I think ours was the first electricity."

John Rude: "Her (Alice's) father was about the handiest guy that ever came down the pike. If George Curtis couldn't fix it, it was un-fixable."

Alice Curtis Williams: "Well, he rigged up the electric and the generator and all. Back up in there, I don't know if there's any of them left, but there was about 20 acres of virgin timber up in there yet. But I understand that most of those trees have rotted and fallen. But there was 20 acres of virgin timber there when they first came in here. Now, any more questions?"

(Warm round of applause for Alice in appreciation of her account of the early days of the Curtis Homestead.)

Francis Curtis: "Anything else that anyone has?"

Judy Blair: "I have a brief item. It's a discovery for me, but it may not have been for many of you. I was reading in the Griswold genealogy. Several times it's mentioned, the town of Norwich, MA. I believe Francis Griswold was born there in 1793 and the fourth John Griswold lived there and was considered a prominent citizen and died there. And the John Griswold to whom we are related, who came to Wayne County, was born there. Anyway, my point is, I tried to find Norwich, MA, on the map and it doesn't exist, and I had a friend of mine do some research and if anyone in our family would ever want to look up the Griswold line from Norwich, MA, it's now called Huntington. It was originally Merrifield (?), from 1773 to 1853 it was called Norwich, and when they annexed more lands, they named it Huntington. It's in Southwest Massachusetts."

Alice Curtis Williams: "The Griswold family and the Loomis family had been combined before. Francis Griswold's wife was Jane Loomis, but I never connected the present day Loomises with her."

Francis Curtis: "One of the things that interested me

from this other Griswold group (the Griswold Family Association of America) is that there were on the trip that we took Griswolds from the same territory that our Griswolds came from."

Sam Curtis: "Apparently four Griswold brothers came to this country, and they have gotten a lot of information on three of them in England, but they can't seem to find much on this fellow Michael Griswold, and apparently we're associated with Michael Griswold. There was a Francis Griswold, an Edward Griswold, a Matthew Griswold, and a Michael Griswold. but they don't have anything on Michael, which is apparently the Griswold that we're related back to. Bob French and his family were hunting for more information in England on this trip about that relationship. I'm not sure they found much."

Francis Curtis: "There's some speculation that they may be half-brothers or even cousins, but not full brothers."

Fred Olver: "My brother, Harold, will be 100 years old on September 24th."

(Everyone present signed a birthday card to be sent to Harold Olver in Florida.)

Francis Curtis: "As a result of our being connected with the Griswold Family Association of America, I went to their meeting in Bennington last Fall to try to assure an opportunity to go to England, and they came out of their Board of Directors' meeting. The President was here in Clinton Township in 1991. He greeted me and said: we have an opening on our Board of Directors, would you like to serve? I declined. I didn't say that I wouldn't do it, but I guess I said that I deferred, because my feelings at the time were that if this group is to be represented, and that was his idea, that our representative should either be Donald or Robert Powell. I did not give him an answer. As I say, I deferred an answer. I talked to both these gentlemen about this. We do have an opportunity to be represented on the Board of Directors of the Griswold Family Association of America, and I would like to hear what you have to say about it."

John Rude: "I think that we should be on that Board of Directors and I think that you would be a good person to be our representative. I vote, I nominate you to serve on that Board."

Clarence Loomis: "I'll second that nomination."

John Rude: "All in favor say aye."

(A resounding "aye" came from the group in the Moosic Grange Hall.)

Francis Curtis: "Thank you. But I do want to say that I think that Donald or Robert would be good on that Board of Directors."

Donald Powell: "Thank you. But Robert and I both agree with John Rude, that you should be our representative."

Francis Curtis: "Well, in that case, I will accept. But I will still say that in terms of the amount of work that is done for this organization that either one of these two gentlemen deserve to represent us on the Board of Directors of the GFA."

Robert Powell: "Thank you. Donald and I do a lot of work here, yes, but the work that you will do for us as a group there is equally important. It's wonderful that you are willing and able to do that. It just broadens our base. I think we've made the right decision. (Applause.) In that same regard, Donald Griswold wrote to me following their visit here, saying: 'It was very heartwarming to have visited with you last August. The welcome that we received will always be remembered and cherished. Unfortunately I can not attend this year....' And then in March of this year he wrote and raised the proposal that Francis has just mentioned; 'I would propose that your organization be represented on our Board of Directors, that is, have a voice in our organization, be in on all policy goals, moneys, and above all a liaison with what's best for you in the realm of genealogy, computer accessing and publications, as well as co-fraternity matters.' He proposed that and described the visit that Francis

had made, and brought up the proposal that we have just voted on. One of the most exciting things that have come out of that visit that we had with these national officers here a couple of years ago is another proposal that was made by Don Griswold to Francis at that meeting in Bennington and subsequently communicated to me by means of a letter. Francis, tell us what that was."

Francis Curtis: "OK. The next proposal made by these people, the officers of the Griswold Family Association of America, is that they would like us to host the GFA Reunion in 1996. They would like to have us host it here, and to take a look at the Griswolds in this area. They have a one-day meeting one year and then a three-day meeting the next one. As I understand it, this would be one of their three-day meetings. They would like to use Sunday, for example, to go to the Clinton Centre Baptist Church. They would like to see any of the sights that we can show them connected to the Griswold family in the area, plus any other particularly interesting sights that we might come up with. In Bennington they had a tour of the town and all of the historic sights whether or not they are connected to the Griswolds. So we're not just limited to having them see just Griswold sights. I think that very definitely that if we agree that we will do this that we should show them the Clinton Center Cemetery."

Judy Blair: "Yes, there are many things that would be interesting for them to see. The people who live at the Griswold farm would very likely provide a welcome."

Joan Curtis: "In England we visited the William Griswold home, that is now owned by people who didn't know that William Griswold had lived there until someone told them he did. They welcomed us in. We had a very nice tea party in the back yard. Someone on the trip asked me whether or not we know where the Griswold homestead here was. Of course, not being a Griswold, I didn't know,"

Francis Curtis: "So what does the group think about the proposal to hold the 1996 GFA reunion here in Clinton Township?"

Alice Curtis Williams: "I think it would be great."

Francis Curtis: "So do I."

(A chorus of "so do I's" came from the group.)

John Rude: "I think so too. We would open our house to several couples."

Dorothy Olver: "How many people would it involve?"

Francis Curtis: "I asked him that and he said from 60 to 100."

John Rude: "Here two years ago, we had Amy's family reunion at Ridge Farm and we were able to obtain a building at the Salvation Army in Waymart and they rented the whole building and the price is very reasonable. They have to know ahead of time."

Joan Curtis: "What they often do is they have their lunch at some local church where they can help out that local congregation with a donation and they usually have a dinner, a banquet type arrangement, usually at the hotel where they are staying. And they also like to have some tours around the area that might show other things, and we immediately thought of the Stourbridge Lion trip over to Lackawaxen on a Saturday afternoon."

Robert Powell: "In his letter to me, Donald Griswold said that the three-day reunion would be in this format: Friday evening executive meeting; Saturday would be registration, meeting, luncheon, programs, sight seeing tours; Sunday, church services, luncheon and departure. That's a tentative outline. When I received Donald Griswold's letter, I immediately contacted a few Griswolds in the local area and all agreed that the proposed 3-day GFA reunion in 1996 in northeastern Pennsylvania was a wonderful idea. So I immediately wrote back and told Donald Griswold that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion (1) would be honored to elect a representative to serve on the Board of Directors of the GFA, and (2) would be pleased to host the 1996 GFA three-day reunion. In

my letter to Donald Griswold I stated that my "yes" to both of his proposals (elect a member to serve on the GFA Board of Directors, hold 1996 3-day reunion here) was tentative and that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion, as a whole, would have to officially take action on both proposals at its 1993 reunion. Donald Griswold then invited me to attend the April 17th Executive Committee meeting in Plainfield, NJ. I was unable to attend. On May 2nd, he wrote again, saying: '... the idea of a joint Annual Meeting/Reunion in 1996 was met with approbation; if not 'new territory,' Clinton and environs sounds great to all at our meeting. So we have lots to look forward to, a three-day affair, and hopefully August and/or Oct. date can be selected by committee and Board of Directors of both organizations in future.'

Francis Curtis: "Yes, that raises the question. Do we have our Clinton Center reunion in August and then host the GFA 3-day event in October?"

(A group discussion of that question took place. It was agreed by the group that we should hold our August reunion as usual and then host the 3-day event in October.)

Francis Curtis: "Do I hear a motion, then, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion host the 3-day Annual Meeting/Reunion of the Griswold Family Association of America in October 1996?"

Kathryn Forster: "Yes, I'll make that a motion."

Jane Shaffer: "I'll second the motion."

(The group voted unanimously in favor of the motion.)

Francis Curtis: "What we should do right now is to set up a Planning Committee to figure out just what we have to do to host the 3-day GFA reunion."

(Francis Curtis, as our liaison with the GFA, agreed to chair the planning committee. The following people volunteered to serve on the planning committee: John and Amy Rude, Judy Blair, Kathryn Forster, Sam and Joan Curtis. Francis Curtis said that he would telephone Donald Griswold and tell him (1) that he (Francis Curtis) had been officially elected, at the Reunion on August 21st, to serve as the representative from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion on the Board of Directors of the Griswold Family Association of America, and (2) that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion had unanimously voted, at its reunion on August 21, 1993, to host, in northeastern Pennsylvania, the 3-day 1996 GFA Annual Meeting/Reunion in October 1996. Francis Curtis asked the members of the newly formed Planning Committee to meet with him following the August 21st reunion and said that the members of that committee, if possible, should plan to attend the October 9, 1993 meeting of the GFA in Wethersfield, CT.)

Robert Powell: "Can you imagine how pleased, may I say, those Griswolds who met here in Clinton Township on March 22, 1906, and decided to hold a Griswold Reunion, would be to know that we are going to sponsor the national meeting of the Griswold Family Association of America here in Clinton Township in 1996."

(With no further business to conduct, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion adjourned, to meet again on August 20, 1994, in the Moosic Grange #1041 on the North and South in Clinton Township.)

Respectfully submitted,

S. Robert Powell
Secretary

INFORMATION RECORDED AT THE 1993 GRISWOLD REUNION AND/OR GRISWOLD INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED TO THE GRISWOLD REUNION AS A WHOLE THAT HAS FOUND ITS WAY TO THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

1. At the 1992 Griswold Reunion, three persons requested the "1992 Update list of births, deaths, marriages, accomplishments, etc.": Gloria Johnston, Jane Shaffer, Mary Zollbrecht. There is no charge for this list and it will be forwarded to the three persons named above as soon as it is produced.

2. At the 1992 Griswold Reunion, three persons requested the "Complete Descendant List" (over 100 pp.) for the John Griswold/Elizabeth Crittenden family: Ronald C. Ewing, Gary E. Ewing, Karen Hornbeck. This complete list costs \$5. Karen Hornbeck ordered, and paid for, two copies of this list. Ronald C. Ewing requested a copy of the issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA that is about John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden and their ancestors and descendants. When this list is produced, the three persons who ordered copies will be sent them.

3. Six persons requested copies of the 1992 Griswold Reunion photograph that was taken by Donald W. Powell: Ronald C. Ewing, Gary E. Ewing, Mary Zollbrecht (\$1 paid, Bob Smith), Gloria Johnston (paid), Jane Shaffer (paid), Gertrude Schaffer. Gloria and Jane would also like copies of the 1990 and 1991 photographs.

4. Shawn Michael Dolph was born on 06-11-1993. Marjie Doris Curtis and Michael David Dolph were married on July 18, 1992. Debra Gioia and Thomas Homer Curtis were married on August 14, 1993. (Information from Doris Howell.)

5. On page 1 of the August 14-16, 1992 THE WAYNE INDEPENDENT is a group photograph of the "Jersey Class Champions" at the Wayne County Fair. In that photograph is Ronald Curtis with his senior reserve grand champion jersey.

6. "Services Today for Rev. Sheehan," THE SCRANTON TIMES, Saturday, November 7, 1992, p. B-10. Rev. Sheehan died on the preceding Tuesday at Wesley Village, Pittston.

7. A son was born to Michelle Ann Ewing on 09-20-1991.

8. Michael C. Brudos died on February 1, 1990.

9. "Thank you" to Mary Zollbrecht, Gloria Johnston, Jane Shaffer, and Doris Howell for the Christmas cards that they sent to the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Griswold Reunion.

10. David and Leatha Griswold (R. R. 3, Box 61, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621) sent a Christmas card to Secretary in 1993 with the following note: "Thanks for the update on Griswold news (i.e., the 12-21-1993 Christmas letter from the Secretary of the Griswold Reunion to the family as a whole). It sure was nice seeing you this summer. Leatha and I plan to attend in 1995. Please drop by if you are ever near Sweet Valley, PA. Plan to stay over night. Our telephone number is 717-477-5253. You folks are always welcome at our home. Leatha and David."

11. Card to SRP from Leona C. Vaughn, 02-14-1994: "Thanks for the Christmas card and the information about the Griswold Reunion. I've only been back for one reunion. I don't know my cousins back there very well. I write to Alice Curtis Williams. Just got a long letter from her. I also remember John Rude. Was it you or your brother that I met at Edith Gardner's? We appreciate all the work you people put in on the Reunion events. I missed the newsy paper we used to get. Best Wishes, Leona C. Vaughn."

12. The children of Esther Forsberg sponsored a birthday celebration for Esther at the Assembly of God Church, Kettle Falls, WA, on May 28, 1994, to commemorate Esther's 80th birthday.

13. On February 2, 1994, Esther (Patey) Forsberg wrote to SRP as follows: "I was so happy to receive your Christmas card and Griswold Reunion notice. It would sure be fun to attend. My sister Mabel and her daughter Betty did attend the one in Carbondale once. I am sending you the latest on Mabel (Patey) Haven, daughter of Amanda Curtis, so you have the latest records. (Mabel Haven died on Dec. 11, 1993, at the age of 90, in Salem, WA.) Are there any Curtis relatives living out West that you know of? It has been so many years since I was back East and visited my mother's old home and Laura Rude's farm. I like to hear about the reunions even if I can't make it there. I have a lot of the early records. Yours, Esther (Patey) Forsberg." (Enclosed in Esther's letter was a copy of the newspaper obituary of Mabel Louise Haven.)

14. Jane Shaffer wrote to the Secretary on August 30, 1993, as follows: "I am writing to ask you when our family started coming to the Griswold Reunion? Also, we would like to be on the Planning Committee for the 3-day Griswold Reunion in 1996. Gloria has no picture of our Griswold Reunion for 1990, 1991, 1992. I have no picture from 1989, 1990, 1991. I know where the first house was built with a foundation. It is in Honesdale, PA. Jane Shaffer."

15. From Harold V. Oliver (2855 Gulf to Bay Boulevard, Apt. 24-C, Clearwater, FL 34619): Pansy E. (Pam) Oliver, wife of Harold V. Oliver, died July 10, 1993, at Clearwater, FL.

16. From Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stiles (Rt. 1, Box 345, Canton, PA 17724): To Karen Louise Stiles Miller and Steven Miller, a daughter, Samantha Louise Miller, was born on December 14, 1992, in Dallas, TX. Kevin Gerald Stiles was promoted to Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in Germany in July 1992. Presently stationed at Fort McConnell, Wichita, KS. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stiles. "We were planning on coming this year, but my niece is celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary the same day so guess we won't be making it. Say hi to everybody and especially to Aunt Millie LaBarre."

17. From Minna Blair (745 Turbot Avenue, Milton, PA 17847): Geoffrey Bryce Crout, born to Vicky and George Crout, October 29, 1992. Vicky is Minna's granddaughter.

18. From Susan J. Rose (R. D. #5, Box 1690, Honesdale, PA 18431): Thomas A. Rose and Diane B. Reichert were married on June 20, 1992. Leeta A. Geuther died on April 22, 1993. "My mother, Leeta Geuther, always took care of these things. Since her passing in April, I guess that all information should be sent to me, her daughter. My phone number is 717-253-1767. Going through her things, I found some things about the Griswolds. Not sure it is what was sent to her or if she had it to give to someone. If someone could stop sometime or give me a call so I know if it is important or not."

19. From the Manaton family (2965 NW 154th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006): Eleanor Martin, born October 3, 1992, to Claudia Manaton Martin and Carl John Martin. Ramona Gail Manaton, wife of Michael Manaton, graduated with of Bachelor of Arts from Portland State University in June 1993.

20. From Mary (Tyler) Smith: Birth of Brandon Alexander Smith to Mary Tyler and Paul Smith on August 22, 1992.

21. From Gerald and Marjorie Cook (7 Terrace Gardens, Lakeland, FL 33801): Sons of American Revolution, Gerald C. Cook, ancestor, George Gelatt. Sons of American Revolution, Richard John Cook, ancestor, John Griswold. Daughters of American Revolution, Marjorie Rude Cook, ancestor, John Griswold. Marjorie Rude Cook, Regent of the Lakeland Chapter, DAR.

22. LaVange Arnold died on July 4, 1992.

23. Wedding: Karen E. Curtis (daughter of Samuel M and Joan B. Curtis, State College, PA) to Randolph E. Reese (son of Berton E. and Joan W. Reese, Bellefonte, PA) on June 12, 1993.

24. From Clarence Loomis: "There is a Griswold Inn in Old Saybrook, CT."

25. From Gary E. Ewing, 5635 S. Bangor, Seattle, WA 98178-2237, in July 1994: "Just of note of explanation. The (enclosed) booklet (an account of the lives of William Van Tassel Curtis and Marie Peterson and their seven daughters, compiled on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Pearl Curtis and Ernest Brudos) is for Francis Curtis III. Of course you may make copies, or I can send you one if you feel you may have use for it. This copy was made by Ron Ewing, who attended the 1992 Griswold Reunion along with myself. The early part of this history was compiled by Julia Ann Curtis Knapp (1904) and Kenneth Curtis (1922). Some emphasis on Bannings and Brooklyn, NY. Some Griswold information encountered recently. In the February 1994 issue of COUNTRY LIVING--Judge Griswold home built 1785, one of Vermont's oldest homes, was moved to Charlotte, VT, from the Waitsfield, VT area of Bent Hill, and

then restored to a beautiful condition. In the current edition of NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, on the map circa 1830, is shown Fort Griswold on the Thames River near Groton, CT. Hope you all are well and have a fine and successful Clinton Township reunion on August 20, 1994. In a few years, we will try to attend again. Our focus this year for travel will be Europe, primarily Germany, late August thru September. Best wishes on combining with G.F.A. Keep up the good work. Regards, Gary E. Ewing."

GRISWOLD REUNION

Treasurer's Report

before Griswold Reunion, August 20, 1994

1	1992		
		Balance on hand after expenses paid and deposits made for GR 1992	114.65
2	1993		
		Income	
		checks in mailers	185.00
		cash at Reunion	77.65
			=====
			237.65
			237.65
			=====
		Net savings after 1993 :	352.30
3	1994		
		Expenses	
		SRP expenses for 1993	120.99
		Membership dues to	
		The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc.	
			15.00
			=====
			135.59
		Balance in Treasury as of August 4, 1994	222.20



Donald W. Powell,
Treasurer

PUBLICATIONS OF THE GRISWOLD
FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Volume

- 1.* *The Griswold Family: The First Five Generations in America.* Compiled and edited by Esther Griswold French and Robert Lewis French. 1990. \$50
2. *The Griswold Family: England—America.* Compiled by Glenn E. Griswold. 1943; reprinted 1976. \$25
3. SOLD OUT
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5. *The Griswold Family.* Compiled by Mr. and Mrs. Townsend. 1970. \$25
6. *The Griswold Family.* Compiled by Mr. and Mrs. Townsend. 1978. [Data 1800 on] \$35
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BOOK ORDERS:

Make check payable to GFA and mail to:
Mr. and Mrs. Robert French, R. D., Box 139, Chatham, NY 12037.

"Our Griswold Family in England before 1639," by Bonnie Day and James W. Griswold is available for \$5.75. Make check payable to "GFA" and mail order (for this book only) to: Griswold Family Association, 116 Garden Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

GRISWOLD REUNION

December 21, 1993

Dear Griswold cousins:

Very exciting things are happening with regard to the Clinton Township (Wayne County, PA) Griswold Reunion!

At the Spring Executive Meeting of the Griswold Family Association of America (the "national" Griswold association), held on April 17, 1993 in Plainfield, NJ at the home of Mary and Merton Griswold, it was decided that the Griswold Family Association of America ("GFA") and the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion will hold a joint reunion in 1996 in Clinton Township. The joint reunion will be a three-day event: Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting (Friday); open membership meeting, luncheon, program, sight-seeing tours in Clinton Township and environs (Saturday); church services, luncheon (Sunday). Got any ideas about any aspect of the 3-day joint reunion: meals, tours, programs, etc.

Traditionally, the GFA holds the Fall reunion the first weekend in October, but it can also be held a week or two earlier or later. The specific date of the 1996 joint reunion has not yet been decided on. Got any ideas about when the joint reunion should be held?

Usually about 100 people attend the GFA reunions; usually about 50 to 80 people attend the Clinton Township reunions. We have to decide where the many out of town people will stay: hotels, motels, private homes. We need to have a place where we can hold a meeting of everyone in attendance. Got any ideas about meeting places, accommodations? Can you provide accommodations for some out-of-town cousins?

Who is on the Planning Committee (formed at this year's Griswold Reunion) for the 3-day joint reunion? Our President, Francis H. Curtis III, will chair the committee, which is made up of the following persons: Judy Blair, Sam and Joan Curtis, John and Amy Rude, and Kathryn Forster. If you have any thoughts on any aspect of the 1996 joint reunion, contact a member of the Planning Committee (their addresses are given at the end of this letter) or convey your thoughts to me and I will pass them on to the Planning Committee.

What is the sequence of events that led up to the proposed 1996 joint reunion? Over the years, various Clinton Township Griswolds have attended the GFA Fall reunion (usually in Connecticut) the first weekend in October, and have reported at our August reunions that the GFA reunions are very nice events and that we should all try to attend. On hearing those reports, I said to myself: "Maybe we should all get together?" In the summer of 1991, I decided to play a long shot and invited the officers and directors of the GFA to attend our Clinton Township reunion (the 86th) on August 17, 1991. To the delight and pleasure of all who attended our reunion in 1991, the President of the GFA, Donald Griswold, and his wife, Ruth (Berlin, MD), together with Mr. and Mrs. David Griswold (Hunlock Creek, PA), attended our reunion in the Moosic Grange Hall in Clinton Township. Everyone had a wonderful time.

In March of this year, Donald Griswold contacted our President, Francis Curtis III, and Donald (Treasurer) and me (Secretary) and proposed (1) that we (the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion) elect a representative to serve on the

GFA Board of Directors, and (2) that we (the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion) consider the idea of hosting the 1996 GFA Fall reunion in Clinton Township. The officers of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion welcomed both proposals. At the April 17, 1993, Spring Executive Committee meeting of the GFA in Plainfield, NJ, both proposals were approved by the GFA Board of Directors. At the August 21, 1993 Clinton Township Griswold Reunion, both proposals were approved by the membership. (Motion by John Rude, with a second by Clarence Loomis, to elect Francis Curtis III as our representative on the GFA Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kathryn Forster, with a second by Jane Shaffer, that the Clinton Township Griswold host the 1996 GFA Fall Reunion, to be held in Clinton Township. The motion carried unanimously.)

WE ALL HAVE A LOT TO DO TO MAKE THIS 1996 JOINT REUNION A REALITY. The Planning Committee will coordinate all plans and arrangements, but all of us will have to get involved and do our share to make this 3-day joint reunion in 1996 a grand success. All ideas from everyone are welcomed. During this holiday season, start the ball rolling in your corner of the world by talking up the 1996 joint reunion with family members.

As you know, the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion was formally organized on March 22, 1906 (some 25 years before the GFA) by a group of dedicated family members who were very proud of their roots. It warms my heart to imagine how happy those founding members of the organization would be to know (1) that the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion is at present very much alive and well and (2) that in 1996 we will host the Fall Reunion of the Griswold Family Association of America in Clinton Township!

The 1994 Clinton Township Griswold Reunion will take place on the third Saturday in August (the 20th), at the Moosic Grange Hall in Clinton Township. Mark your calendar NOW. See you there.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion.

Sincerely yours,



S. Robert Powell

Some addresses:

Francis H. Curtis III, R. D. 1, Box 133A, Newfoundland, PA 18845
Judith A. Blair, R. D. 1, Box 196-K, Millmont, PA 17845
Sam and Joan Curtis, 1533 Trout Road, State College, PA 16801
John and Amy Rude, R. D. 1, Ridge Farm, Waymart, PA 18472
Kathryn Forster, R. D. 2, Box 180C, Thompson, PA 18465
Donald W. Powell, S. Robert Powell: R. D. 1, Box 40, Carbondale, PA 18407

GRISWOLD REUNION

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FROM THE SECRETARY

These are exciting times for those of us who trace our ancestry to John Griswold (1754-1843) and Elizabeth Crittenden (1761-1851) of Clinton Township, Wayne County. For the first time since 1906 (when the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion was organized), there will be two Griswold Reunions this year.

The first will be our 90th annual reunion, on Saturday, August 17, 1996, in the Moosic Grange Hall in Clinton Township. The second will be the **Joint Reunion**, which will be a reunion of the Clinton Township Griswolds and the Griswold Family Association of America (the "national" Griswold association). This Joint Reunion will be hosted by us, the Clinton Township Griswolds, at the Bryn Mawr Convention Center in Honesdale, on October 4-5-6, 1996. Details on this Joint Reunion are given in the article on the right side of this page.

This year's Joint Reunion will surely be a memorable occasion. Mark the dates on your calendar now. The help of many people will be required to guarantee the success of the event. Do your share.

Do you know of people who should be on the Griswold Reunion mailing list but who are not? Do you have data (birth dates, death dates, dates of weddings, and so on) to be recorded in the Griswold Reunion's databank? If you do, please send that information to me and I will record it in the Griswold Reunion papers.

A donation form is enclosed. Your financial support of the Griswold Reunion will be much appreciated, especially as we prepare for "the big event" in October.

S. Robert Powell
R. D. 1, Box 40
Carbondale, PA 18407-9706
717-282-5197

THE JOINT REUNION

The Joint Reunion of the Griswold Family Association of America and the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion will take place October 4-5-6, 1996, in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Joint Reunion headquarters will be the Bryn Mawr Convention Center, which is located five miles out of Honesdale on Route 191.

The members of the Planning Committee for the Joint Reunion are

- Judy Blair (R. D. 1, Box 386, Millmont, PA 17845. 717-922-1492)
- Francis Curtis (R. D. 1, Box 133A, Newfoundland, PA 18845. 717-689-9294)
- Sam and Joan Curtis (1533 Trout Road, State College, PA 16801. 814-238-2675, 717-676-0902--cabin)
- Kathryn Forster (R. D. 2, Box 173R, Thompson, PA 18564. 717-727-2597)
- Karen Hornbeck (272 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873. 908-873-2706)
- Donald and Robert Powell (R. D. 1, Box 40, Carbondale, PA 18407-9706. 717-282-5197)
- John and Amy Rude (R. D. 1, Box 1165, Waymart, PA 18472. 717-785-3431)

Here is a preliminary outline of the events and activities for the three days:

Friday, October 4

Arrival and registration, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Cold Buffet, 6:00 - 7:15 P.M.

Executive Board meeting,
7:00 P.M.

Speaker: Kurt Reed, who will

give a presentation on
Dorflinger Glass, 7:30 P.M.
In the course of the evening,
Donald and Robert Powell
will speak on the Clinton
Township Griswolds.

Saturday, October 5

Registration, 8:00 - 9 A.M.

Continental breakfast, 7:30 - 9:00
A.M.

General Membership meeting,
8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Presentation by Sally Talaga,
Wayne County Historical
Society, 10:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Board buses, 11:15 A.M., for trip
to Settlers' Inn for lunch.

Historical tour, 1:15 - 5 P.M.

(two chartered buses with
tour guides, Donald Powell,
on one bus, and Robert
Powell, on the other).

Dinner (barbecue) at Bryn Mawr
Convention Center at 6:00
P.M., followed by square
dancing (demonstration
with audience participation).
Sunday, October 6

Full breakfast

Optional tours and church service
(Clinton Center Baptist
Church)

The prices for accommodations and meals have not yet been fixed, but the Planning Committee has been assured that they will be reasonable. Persons who do not plan to stay overnight at the Bryn Mawr Convention Center can arrange to participate on a "meals only" basis. Again, the cost is expected to be very reasonable.

The Bryn Mawr Convention Center has regular motel rooms or there are cabins where you can stay if you want to. They have facilities for about 90 people in the motel rooms and about 500 in the cabins.

Make plans now to attend this joint reunion. It will be one of the best Griswold events ever to take place in Clinton Township and environs.

GRISWOLD REUNION

August 19, 1995

The 89th annual Griswold Reunion took place in the Moosic Grange Hall in Clinton Township on August 19, 1995.

The following persons signed the guest register: Alice Curtis Williams, Helen Powell, Mary Zollbrecht, Jane M. Shaffer, Gloria Johnston, Wendy Kille, Candice Kille, Ann Case, Gerald C. Case, Gerald W. Case, Kelsey Case, Eleanor Rude, Kendra Tyler, John R. Rude, Karen Hornbeck, Carol Warner, Francis Curtis, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Bernice C. Dolan, Belva Leet, Doris Howell,

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GRISWOLD REUNION, August 19, 1995. Photograph by Donald W. Powell, taken outside Moosic Grange 1041, Waymart, PA. The names of the persons

who are shown in this photograph are given in the list of persons who attended the Reunion, given herein on pp. 1, 4-6.



GRISWOLD REUNION, August 18, 1990. Photograph by Donald W. Powell, taken inside Moosic Grange 1041, Waymart, PA. Back row: Myrtle Curtis, Doris Howell, Mary Theresa Rebern timer, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Harriette Sochan, Carol Warner, Gloria Johnston, Candice Kille, Jane Shaffer, Francis Curtis, Wendy Kille, Mary Zollbrecht, John R.

Gardner, Dorothy W. Gardner, Marjorie Gravalec, Clarence E. Loomis, Mary Schermerhorn, Dorothy L. Olver, Doris Mead, Minna Blair, and Helen Wright Giles. Seated: Edith A. Gardner, Beatrice Bartholomay, Gertrude G. Snyder, Alice Williams, Alfred Shaffer, Fred A. Olver, Jennifer Eroh. Front row: S. Robert Powell, Amy Schermerhorn,

Jill Schermerhorn, Ann Tyler, Gerald W. Case, Donald W. Powell II, Donald W. Powell. The following people attended the Reunion but were not present when the group portrait was taken: Ruth Loomis, Judy Blair, Marge Olver Schofield, Amy Grace, Zachariah Grace, Mildred Wright LaBarre, Becky Geuther, Andy Geuther, Stephen Gravalec, and William Schermerhorn.



LAURA GRISWOLD (MRS. HIRAM P. LOOMIS) AND LOUISA GRISWOLD (MRS. HENRY B. CURTIS. Photograph by Foster Art Gallery, collection of Russell Homestead, Carbondale; full-

size halftone taken directly from the original. Laura and Louisa are two of the 6 children of Francis Griswold (1793-1869) and Jane Loomis (1792-1881): Louis, Alvin, Laura, Louisa, Nathan, and Homer.



GRANDCHILDREN OF HENRY BANNING CURTIS AND LOUISA GRISWOLD CURTIS. Photographer unknown, taken outside of Curtis Homestead, Curtis Valley. Copy print by Donald W. Powell of photograph in the collection of Alice Curtis Williams. Back row: Cora Curtis, Irene Curtis, Louisa Corey, Charley Corey, Burdette Gardner, Homer Curtis, Hobart Curtis,

Arthur Corey, Henry Corey, Laura Curtis, Augusta Curtis. Second row: Dwight Rude, Helen Curtis, Carrie Curtis, Clistia Curtis, Grandfather Curtis, Grandmother Curtis, Francis Curtis, Verna Curtis, Edith Gardner. Third row: Grace Corey, Norvelle Curtis, Louise Curtis, Juanita Curtis, Lewis Rude, Harriet Curtis, Rose Curtis, Beatrice Curtis. Fourth row: Henry

Patey (inset), Nellie Curtis, Henry Curtis, Gertrude Gardner, Florence Curtis, Mabel Patey (inset), Pearl Curtis. Not shown in this photograph are Dorothy Curtis Hornbeck (not yet born when photograph was taken) and the seven daughters of William Van Tassel Curtis and Mary Peterson: Laura, Augusta, Cora, Pearl, Florence, Nellie, and Leona.

Judy Blair, Kathryn Forster, Beatrice Bartholomay, Donald W. Powell II, Donald W. Powell, Fay Sosenko, Bea McGurrin, Rita Gustitus, Marie Savokinas, Ray Savokinas, Jacqueline Pieszala, John Pieszala, S. Robert Powell.

Following the traditional (and always delicious) covered-dish luncheon, the annual business meeting took place. The meeting was under the direction of the president of the Griswold Reunion, Francis Curtis III.

The meeting began with each member introducing himself to the group and identifying how he/she is connected to the early Griswolds.

During the introductions, Alice Curtis Lund mentioned that her grandparents, Louisa and Henry Curtis, lived in "the Cold Water Tavern at the corner" (now called the Curtis Homestead and owned by Dorothy and George Hornbeck). Karen Hornbeck asked: "They didn't serve alcohol in that tavern, did they?" Alice Lund: "I think so, before the Curtises got there. That cupboard in the living room was where they kept their spirits. It was a tavern. It wasn't built for a home." Karen Hornbeck: "What was the 'cold water' in the name all about? Donald Powell: "Maybe the cold water was the refrigerant?" Alice Lund: "The cold water came in pump logs from the spring up behind Aunt Kate's house. I remember them changing the pump logs and putting new ones in." Robert Powell: "Maybe they called it the 'cold water' tavern because they had the water running right into the tavern?" Alice Lund: "The pump logs as I remember were about five or six feet long and holes were bored through the length of the log. The second ones, they bought the logs already made. The log pipe came across the brook and right into the kitchen."

When Jacqueline Smith Pieszala introduced herself, she stated that she was descended from Homer Griswold. A discussion then took place as to how many siblings Homer Griswold had. Alice Lund: "There were about six or seven in that family." Jacqueline Pieszala then asked: "What about Olga Griswold Stiles? Was she an only child? If not, how many brothers and sisters did she have?" John Rude: "She had at least two brothers. Her (Olga's) father died and then her mother married a Hutchins and there were other children." Robert Powell: "Homer Griswold married Alzena Van Meter and they had Francis, Charles, Olga (born in 1872 and died in 1966, married Christian Jonathan Stiles, who was born in 1861 and died in 1937). The children of Olga, who married Christian Jonathan Stiles, are Eva, Leah, Ina, William, Charlotte, Edgar, and Donovan." Jacqueline

Pieszala: "When we went to the cemetery, there was a Dora who was born to the Stileses, and Lula, a baby."

Donald Powell (pointing to a photograph of Louisa and Laura Griswold): "These girls had four siblings: they are Louis, Alvin, Laura, Louisa, Nathan, Homer." A discussion then took place on the question of the pronunciation of Louisa Griswold's first name. Was it an "S" sound or a "Z" sound? Alice Lund: "Grandma insisted that it be pronounced with a 'Z' sound. Louisa." Karen Hornbeck then asked: "Didn't they (Louisa and Henry Curtis) lose a child down there?" Alice Lund: "They lost two. She bore eleven children."

When Judy Blair introduced herself, she identified herself as a 10th generation descendant of Michael Griswold. Francis Griswold commented: "Michael Griswold is one of the brothers that ties us into the Griswold Family Association of America, and we're going to host that group here next year in October. It was only recently that they became pretty sure that Michael was one of the brothers." John Rude: "That means that my wife and I are committing incest. She's on one side of the Griswolds and I'm on the other side of the Griswolds." Francis Curtis: "We're talking about ancestors here and not incestors." General laughter.

Robert Powell then spoke about the organizational meetings of the Griswold Reunion in 1906. He said, in part: ". . . This is the 89th time that this reunion is taking place. We're here because of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. John Griswold was a Revolutionary War soldier, who was born in 1754 and died in 1843. He married Elizabeth Crittenden, who was born in 1761 and died in 1851. In 1920, the descendants of those two people had the Griswold monument erected in the Clinton Center Cemetery. In 1906 there were two meetings of the Griswold Reunion, one on March 22nd (77 people present), and another in August 15, 1906. The first President was John Griswold, the first Vice President was Fred Griswold, the first Secretary was Theron Loomis, and the first Treasurer was Nathan Griswold. At that meeting, they moved and seconded that the annual reunion be the third Wednesday in August here at the Moosic Grange Hall. . ." Robert Powell then read the complete list of the names (and ages) of those persons present at the August 1906 Griswold Reunion and remarked: "How pleased those organizers of this reunion would be to know that we are still meeting and continuing with what they started."

Beatrice Curtis was 3 years old at the first Griswold Reunion

and was present, age 92, at the 89th Griswold Reunion in 1995. John Rude's father, Dwight, was present at the first Griswold Reunion and was 7 years old at the time. John Rude: "Today is dad's birthday. If he were alive today, he would be 96."

The annual superlatives were then determined:

1995 SUPERLATIVES

Oldest family member present at Griswold Reunion: Beatrice Bartholomay, 92; also Alice Curtis Lund, 88; Helen Russell Powell, 82. The oldest members of the family were then given a round of applause by the entire family.

It was reported that Harold Olver (not present) will celebrate his 102nd birthday on September 24th!

Youngest family member present: Kelsey Case, 3 1/2.

Family member who traveled the greatest distance to get to the Reunion: Judy Blair traveled 137 miles to get to the Reunion.

Family member who traveled the shortest distance to get to the Reunion: Dorothy Curtis Hornbeck, 1 mile; John Rude, 1.2 miles.

Family with the most members present: Olga Stiles family, 11 persons.

Robert Powell asked Judy Blair for any news that she might have about Harold Olver. Judy replied: "Harold Olver is in reasonably good health. He'll be 102 in September. He does have some problems hearing and seeing. He's living in an assisted living facility where he has someone to look after him. He can go and get his meals. He does talk with Mother occasionally. It's sad that his hearing is bad and he and my Uncle Fred cannot communicate very well. But, yes, he is well. Uncle Fred, who would like to be here today, is in the Lackawanna County Health Care Center and he's making a very nice adjustment. Out of that family, my mother is the youngest. There were four of them: Harold, John, Fred, and Minna. Uncle John is deceased. Mother is 92, Uncle Fred is 95, and Uncle Harold will be 102."

Francis Curtis III: "In my family a lot of things have happened this past year. Since last year's Reunion, I lost my wife, my brother had a stroke, my sister had a triple by-pass, plus my brother's mother-in-law died, and in the next circle there were three deaths too. Any my brother's wife had her knee operated on the day before yesterday."

Jacqueline Pieszala: "Well, our family had happy news. My daughter Christine had a baby boy on July 4th, 1995. His name is Thomas Jefferson Perlee."

All present were asked to sign the attendance register for the day. Robert Powell asked for help from the group in correcting the addresses of some family members whose announcements of today's Reunion were returned by the Post Office.

The Secretary then asked for all reports of births, deaths, marriages, special achievements, and accomplishments to be added to the Griswold Reunion data bank. The Secretary added that the complete list, revised and updated, of the known descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold would be available by the time of the Joint Reunion in October 1996.

Treasurer's Report By Donald W. Powell

The balance in the treasury as of last year's Reunion, August 4th, was \$222.20. Receipts at the Reunion last year were \$123.55. Balance in the treasury at the moment, after the expenses of last year's Reunion were deducted, is \$244.88. Expenses between last year's Reunion and this year's: \$15 for membership in the Griswold Family Association of America, which was paid on February 6th of this year. We also have the \$25 fee to the Moosic Grange for the use of the building and grounds here today. Robert has a paid bill of \$19.22 for printing of the 2-page announcement of today's Reunion and the mailing labels to mail out same; also \$51.20 for postage to mail out 160 announcements of the Reunion. It was regularly moved (John Rude) and seconded (Jane Shaffer) that we pay our bills. The motion carried.

Donald Powell also reported that he had received checks and/or genealogical information from the following persons: Minna Blair, Mary Zollbrecht, Douglas and Helen Blair, Fred and Dorothy Olver, Pat Peltz, Helen Powell, Esther Brown, Gerald and Marjorie Cook, and Ronald C. Ewing.

A collection was then taken to support the expenses of the Griswold Reunion. At the conclusion of the business meeting, Donald Powell reported: "We collected \$86.00 in the basket today. Thank you very much. It's a small crowd this year but you've been generous."

Francis Curtis remarked: "We should have elected new officers last year but didn't. We'll do it now. Nominations are now open for the officers of the Griswold Reunion for the next two years."

The following persons were nominated:

President: John Rude

Vice President: Kathy Forster

Treasurer: Donald W. Powell

Secretary: S. Robert Powell

As there was only one person nominated for each position, the President instructed the Secretary to cast a vote in favor of the slate of candidates as nominated. The slate of officers was then declared elected for 1996-1997.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Francis Curtis: "The main item of old and new business is that we, the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion, are hosting next year the annual meeting of the Griswold Family Association of America. It will be October 4, 5, and 6. At this point, it looks like we'll be holding it at the Bryn Mawr Convention Center which is located five miles out of Honesdale on 191."

Kathryn Forster: "We have met with people and we have come to a temporary agreement. They have sent our contract to the GFA. They have secured the date for us. We have a proposed itinerary. On Friday night, October 4th, arrival night, we're talking about a buffet or a pizza party. There is an Executive Board meeting and the speaker slated is Kurt Reed, who will speak on Dorflinger glass. Saturday morning is a continental breakfast and then there is the general membership meeting. Then there is the tour that we have set up. We thought that perhaps we would start with lunch at the Settlers' Inn and from there to the Dorflinger Glass Museum, from there to the Wayne County Historical Society, where they are going to display the artifacts that were donated by Augusta Curtis. From there we go to the Clinton Baptist Church and then to the site of the Griswold homestead. From there, we're going to go to the Curtis Homestead (the "Cold Water Tavern") and from there to the Sherwood Cemetery up in Maple Grove. And then that night, we have not decided on a banquet or a barbecue, and there will be a musical program. If we go with the barbecue, it might be square dancing." Karen Hornbeck added: "There will be Griswold display." Kathryn Forster: "Sunday morning there's a full breakfast for those who have stayed overnight, and those who have not can come for the meals. Donald suggested that we have a service at the Clinton Center Baptist Church for those who are interested in attending."

Francis Curtis: "We've sorta got things in motion. The convention center invited us up for a gourmet meal. They served each one of us something different. Their facilities are fantastic. Ours will be the only group in there. We think he gave us a very good deal, so we decided to present it to the GFA, and the president of that group seemed enthused about it."

Question from the floor:

"Will there be a caravan of cars to get around or will there be buses?" Francis Curtis: "There will be two buses, and he will schedule them for us and he can do that cheaper than we can get them, and Donald will be a tour guide on one bus and Robert on the other. We'd like to get an idea of the names of people who plan to come to the Joint Reunion. If you know today, tell us. If you stay over, there are regular motel rooms or there are cabins where you can stay if you want to. They have facilities for about 90 people in the motel rooms and about 500 if you use the cabins."

Judy Blair: "We may consider doing a mailing prior to the mailing of the announcement of this Griswold Reunion next year to get a rough idea of how many are going to attend. I would be glad to work on that." Robert Powell: "Maybe at Christmas time, the Joint Reunion Committee could send out a Christmas card with a questionnaire in it--will you attend, will you stay overnight, how many people, etc. At that season of the year, families tend to be together. The Joint Reunion could be easily promoted at family gatherings. I can provide the Committee with an updated mailing list for this Clinton Township Griswold Reunion." Judy Blair: "I have a copy of the Griswold crest and I could make up a nice looking questionnaire and send it out." Francis Curtis: "Great."

Francis Curtis: "Maybe we could put together a Griswold ironware exhibit. My brother has quite a collection. Many of us have pieces. There is a room there that is fairly secure and we could put it in there. I think it would also be nice to have pictures of the Griswolds from this area. We should also have some brochures about activities in this area that visitors to this area might want to participate in while they're here. It would also be nice if a fairly large group of us here went to the GFA Reunion this Fall in Old Lyme, Connecticut."

Alice Curtis Lund: "I don't know if there's anything left of it now, but back a few years ago, you could go right up here on the mountain and find the stones of John Griswold's cabin. It was right up here, half way up the mountain. When I was up there, there were stones, but I don't know or not if they're still up there. That would be something to see. When John Griswold first came into this area in 1819, he built a cabin up there. The site of the cabin is now on the property of the late Alex Grunski. The property belongs to Alex's wife Jean now."

Francis Curtis: "We should also visit the Clinton Center Cemetery. Maybe John Rude can make up a map of the Griswold stones there."

Kathryn Forster: "The whole weekend would cost between \$120 and \$150 for everything, and that's if you stay there. If you don't stay there, all five meals, including the Saturday banquet, would be \$25 for an adult and \$18 for a child under 10. This is all tentative, understand. It's an affordable place for most of us to go."

Donald Powell: "Let me read this description of the John Griswold cabin from the account of the Pioneer Day in 1920. 'About 1810 or 11, the family [John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden] left their home in Massachusetts. Their first stop was made at Butternut Plains along the Hudson. After spending some time there, they came to what is now known as Niagara, and later they settled on the old Gaylord place in Clinton and began to clear the land. They were informed that this land belonged to someone else, so they moved on and settled on a farm now owned by Mr. Grunski. They reached here 110 years ago. Their log cabin was built at the foot of the mountain where the old road was situated.' Alice Lund: "That was the road that Anthony Wayne brought his army up during the Revolution."

Robert Powell: "Isn't there a gap in the mountain right in here?" John Rude: "There is one road that goes up over the mountain here, and there is a little gap but not much. The next gap is the Lillie gap which goes in south of the Clinton Center church." Robert Powell: "I'll bet the Griswold cabin is near the gap that goes through up here." Alice Curtis Lund: "The gap is up here." Robert Powell: "OK, the cabin is probably not in the gap."

Donald Powell (continuing to read from the 1920 account):

". . . The log cabin was built at the foot of the mountain where the old road was situated. They immediately set to work, clearing the land and settling out an orchard. The old road mentioned was the one traveled by General Wayne. Some years later, John Griswold, with the help of his son Sumner, built a new house."

From the floor: "Robert Edwards now lives in the Sumner [Griswold] house. It became the John Griswold house. Now it belongs to Robert Edwards." [The John Griswold in question is the son of Horace and Louisa Griswold. This John Griswold was born in 1842 and died in 1913; he married Ernestine Wilhelmina Bucklish.]

Francis Curtis: "For the Joint Reunion, we ought to have available as much information as possible about the Clinton Township Griswolds. Remember that the Clinton Township group is actually older than the GFA. We've been around longer. We

have a lot of things to be proud of. We've followed the lines down through the females, and they've just started doing that recently. The GFA has tied the known genealogy of the American Griswolds with the English beginnings."

Robert Powell: "Francis, would you repeat what you said earlier about the further research that has been done regarding the Michael Griswold line."

Francis Curtis: "The GFA genealogists have satisfied themselves that Michael Griswold is, in fact, the brother of Thomas, Edward, Francis, and Matthew."

Robert Powell: "For the benefit of those of you who might not be familiar with the question we're discussing, let me review some material for you. George Griswold of Kenilworth, England, had five sons: Thomas, Michael, Edward, Francis, and Matthew. Thomas remained in England. The other four came to this country. It is a well-known fact that the Clinton Township Griswolds descend from a Michael Griswold from Wethersfield, Connecticut. Until recently, there was a question as to whether or not *our* Michael Griswold ancestor from Wethersfield was, in fact, the brother of Thomas, Edward, Francis, and Matthew. What Francis Curtis is reporting to us is that the GFA genealogists have now satisfied themselves that *our* Michael Griswold is, in fact, the brother of Thomas, Edward, Francis, and Matthew. This is good news, because it ties us directly to the distinguished Griswold family of England. In that same regard, we have here some brochures about the Michael Griswold house in Wethersfield, Connecticut."

Judy Blair: "That's a wonderful thing to see. You can tour the house."

Francis Curtis: "Anything else that we should talk about concerning the Joint Reunion next year?"

Donald Powell: "I think we're lucky to have all the work done by the Joint Reunion Committee that has already done. We're in pretty good shape, I would say. Good job."

Robert Powell: "Is there any need for a petty cash fund for the Joint Reunion Committee's use?"

Kathryn Forster: "I don't think so."

Francis Curtis: "The contract for the place will be signed by the GFA, the payment to hold the place is going to be paid by them, they also have provided an insurance policy."

Robert Powell: "I have here one of the publications of the Griswold Family of America. This is Volume VII. All of the Clinton Township Griswold information that was published in this issue (Volume II, Number 2) of

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA on November 19, 1980 is referenced directly in this Volume VII of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA. This is one of the publications that is available from the Griswold Family of America."

Francis Curtis: "Just a reminder. We will hold our regular Clinton Township Griswold Reunion next August 17th. The Joint Reunion will be in October."

Ray Savokinas: "I think it might be nice to have some publicity on this Joint Reunion in the local media. Something like Mike Stevens' "On the Pennsylvania Road." He might mention the Revolutionary War connection on his July 4th program. We might generate more local interest."

Francis Curtis: "Good idea." Karen Hornbeck: "The canteen that John Griswold carried in the Revolutionary War is in the Wayne County Historical Society."

John Rude: "Yes, it is. It was donated to the Historical Society by my dad."

Mary Zollbrecht: "Olga Stiles did have some cut glass put in there at one time, too."

Donald Powell: "Alice just filled my ear with Louisa Griswold. A remarkable woman. Augusta Curtis was also a remarkable woman. Louisa was Alice's grandmother and Alice knows a great deal about Louisa's eleven children. She knows about the fact that Louisa planted flax, scuthed it, dyed it, wove it, made linen. She was a doctor. She was an oil painter. She was a remarkable woman in lots of ways and I just now suggested to Alice that she tell us about it on the Friday night of the Joint Reunion. Alice is one of the few who knows about it. Alice is a prime candidate for being the program on Friday night. You've all heard Alice speak. She is a very eloquent and profound speaker and she'd be wonderful at this. So let's ask her if she'll do it."

Alice Curtis Lund: "I think these things should be down in history. They didn't have a store to go to. They were really on their own. My dad made an electric plant. We had electricity long before electricity was available."

Robert Powell: "Alice did speak about the Curtis Homestead at the 1993 Griswold Reunion and what she said is in print here in Volume I, Number 7 of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion NEWSLETTER. I have a few extra copies here if some of you would like them."

Robert Powell: "The Moosic Grange is coming quite alive again. There has been an increase in membership. The Joint Reunion Committee might want to consider having the tour buses stop here when they come to Clinton

Township. The Moosic Grange could be a very interesting place for a stop. Possibly we could have a Griswold display here?"

Francis Curtis: "I guess we've taken care of just about everything. If there's no other business to discuss, I'd like to thank you all for coming. We'll look forward to seeing you here next year."

The meeting, accordingly, was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

S. Robert Powell
Secretary

GRISWOLD REUNION August 20, 1994

The Reunion convened in its usual meeting place, the Moosic Grange Hall on "the North and South" in Clinton Township. The traditional covered-dish dinner was served at noon and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The annual business meeting took place following the covered-dish dinner.

Francis Curtis: "Let's get started. We have what appears to be an unusually large crowd this year. Looks like about 50 people. If you haven't signed the register, please do so."

The following persons signed the guest register at the 1994 Griswold Reunion: Mary A. Zollbrecht, Alice C. Williams, Helen R. Powell, Donald Walter Powell II, Mark Johnston, Gloria Johnston, Wendy Kille, Jane Shaffer, Eleanor Rude, Amy Grace, Bethany Grace, Rita Gustitus, Beatrice McGurrian, Jacqueline Pieszala, John Pieszala, Fred Olver, Dorothy Olver, Mary Tyler, Kendra Tyler, Paul Smith, Brandon Smith, Aaron Smith, Francis Curtis, Dwight Rude, Linda Rude, David Rude, Laura Rude, Philip Rude, Ann Case, Gerald W. Case, Kelsey Case, Clarence Loomis, Ruth Loomis, Bill Schermerhorn, Mary Schermerhorn, Bernice Dolan, Sam Curtis, Joan Curtis, John R. Rude, Amy Rude, David [last name not given], Beatrice Barthomomay, Kathryn Forster, Marge Schofield, Dorothy Hornbeck, Karen Hornbeck, Ray Savokinas, S. Robert Powell, Judy Blair, Minna Blair.

Francis Curtis: "Can we have a reading of the minutes of the last Griswold Reunion?"

Robert Powell: "The minutes of the 1993 Griswold Reunion are published here in Volume I, Number 7 of the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER. If you haven't already picked up a copy, we have additional copies here."

Francis Curtis: "Are there

any additions or corrections to the minutes as published?"

Robert Powell: "It's an unusual mistake and probably would go unnoticed by the entire world, but I must bring it to your attention. As you can see, the date on the NEWSLETTER is August 20, 1994. When I added the date on the bottom of pages 3, 5, and 7, I typed "04-20-1994" instead of "08-20-1994." The date of the issue is correctly given on the top of page 1, August 20, 1994. Since the pages are stapled together, it shouldn't cause a problem, since most people never read the date in the running heads."

Francis Curtis: "Can we have the Treasurer's report?"

Donald W. Powell: "The Treasurer's report is published in those minutes on page 7. Allow me to highlight for you the main items in that report." Donald Powell then reviewed the primary items in the Treasurer's Report for 1993.

Francis Curtis: "Most of us are wearing name tags, so we all know who's who. But we traditionally ask all present to identify themselves and tell how they tie into the group. I think it's a good idea, so let's do it now."

The group introduced themselves to each other.

Donald W. Powell: "This is a picture of Laura and Louisa Griswold. It's a very nice picture, and I think you should all have a look at it. Laura and Louisa were daughters of Francis Griswold."

Jacqueline Pieszala: "How are they related to Homer Griswold?"

Robert Powell: "John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden had the following children: John, Francis, Orrin, Sumner, Horace, and Sedate . . . Francis and Jane (Loomis) Griswold had the following children: Louis, Alvin, Laura, Louisa, Nathan, and Homer. Homer, then, and Laura and Louisa are siblings. Homer Griswold married Alzena Van Meter and they had the following children: Francis, Charles and Olga Jane (who married Christian Stiles)."

Francis Curtis: "We also have here some information in a blue folder. Does anyone want to tell us what that is?"

Donald Powell: "I can tell you what it is. I compiled it. I've been doing this since 1981 when Robert and I first came to the Griswold Reunion. The 1981 Griswold Reunion photograph is one of the first pictures in this book. To show you how fragile all this is, here is the picture of the 1981 Griswold Reunion. There were 14 of us at the 1981 Reunion, and we stood outside that door there. Seven people in the photograph have since died: Louisa Bayless, Edith Gardner, Gertrude Gardner, Mildred Crossman, Norman Lund, Dwight Rude,

Margaret Rude. Since 1981, I have been, more or less, the photographer of this organization, and I have taken lots of pictures, and that's what this is. This is my book of things related to the Griswolds or to Clinton Center."

Francis Curtis: There's also a book over here that you might want to look at. It's of the Griswold Family Association's trip to England last summer. If you remember, some of us got back from England the day before the Griswold Reunion. We also have pictures that were taken there and there are the pictures that Sam and Joan took, because mine didn't come out. Do you have anything that you want to say about them, Sam?"

Sam Curtis: "In one of them, it talks about the origin of the Griswold family in Solihull, England. We visited Saint Alphege's Church in Solihull, England, and the Griswold coat of arms is in one of the windows of that church, and that picture is in one of the albums. One other thing that I had two people ask my about. I have two pictures of a martyrdom of a Thomas Griswold and also of the manor house of Badsley-Clinton [sp. ?], where he was captured by the Cromwell forces and martyred. The picture hangs in a convent there."

Francis Curtis: "We were really some of the few civilians who were allowed into the convent. We got in to see the picture, which wasn't so special. A nun came to the door and let us in. And then they had a little tête-à-tête and they allowed us to meet all of the sisters in the convent, which is really quite a rare occasion. Quite a few of them don't have much contact with the outside world. So if you see the nuns with big smiles, I think it's partly because they were pleased to see someone from outside. We had quite a delightful time with them. Although, while we talked, they stood on one side of a barrier and we stood on the other. They did keep us segregated to that extent. But it was an interesting experience."

Also on the same table where you signed in there are some things from the Griswold Family Association of America. You see what happens. You people make me go down there as a representative of this organization, and they elected me to their Board of Directors. At one of our meetings, they handed out these little brochures about the GFA and this year they are having their annual meeting at Morristown, NJ, and they are going to feature at that meeting the Griswolds' role in the Revolutionary War. One of the Griswolds during the Revolutionary War was hung because he was a Tory, so these Griswolds get on both sides of the fences. We also



LAURA GRISWOLD LOOMIS, MARY EMMA SQUIRE LOOMIS, AND ? . Photographer unknown. Copy print by Donald W. Powell from photograph in the collection of Russell Homestead, Carbondale, PA. Laura Griswold (1826-1924) is shown here with her daughter-

in-law, Mary Emma Squire Loomis (1854-1948), who married Theron Orsemus Loomis (1848-1911) on 03-24-1880. Their issue: Ora Esmarilda Loomis Russell and Edna Pearl Loomis. It was Laura Griswold Loomis who, at the first Clinton Township Pioneer Day

on August 27, 1915, unveiled the EARLY SETTLERS AND MINISTERS MONUMENT in Clinton Cemetery at the formal dedication of the flint memorial. Nearly 400 people were present at those dedication ceremonies.



SOME CURTIS FAMILY MEMBERS WITH TWO GRISWOLD ARTIFACTS: JOHN GRISWOLD'S REVOLUTIONARY WAR CANTEEN AND WINDSOR CHAIR. Photograph by William H. Harrison, 1928; formerly in the collection of the late Lois Norton Curtis, copy print by Donald W. Powell. Photograph inscribed on back in pencil,

by an unidentified hand, as follows: "Left to right: Edward Curtis, Aunt Augusta, Gertrude Gardner, Aunt Harriet Gardner, Aunt Laura Rude. Aunt Lucri[?]'s Old Arm Chair, Drum carried in Rev. War. Picture taken by William H. Harrison, 1928." The original photograph is delicately and expertly hand colored, probably with watercolor

or oil, in three colors: *light pink*, in the lips of the women; *light olive green*, in the foliage and the lawn; *light blue*, in the water splashing in the pool below the fountain. The photograph was taken at the Curtis Homestead, Curtis Valley. The fountain shown in the photograph is still there, in the back yard. See article on page 9 entitled "Griswold Canteen."

learned that there were Griswolds on both sides of the Civil War. . . If you're interested in attending this GFA fall reunion, you'll find this interesting. The dates are September 30, October 1st and October 2nd. It starts at 2 o'clock on a Friday afternoon. . . This is the group that will meet here in 1996. They seemed very excited about coming here. I told them that it will be a new experience. They're used to meeting in highly populated places with lots of museums and all kinds of things. I said, now you're going to get acquainted with the country. And when you look out your hotel window, you're not going to see city, you're going to see cows. [Francis Curtis then read through the agenda for the 1993 GFA meeting to give the group in Clinton Township an idea of some of the kinds of things that the GFA are expecting to do when they come here to the country.] If you're interested in becoming a member of the group, here's the form. Judy Blair and I belong. Does anyone else here belong?"

Donald W. Powell: "The Clinton Griswold Reunion belongs. And I put on the table here copies of the GFA NEWSLETTER, which we get several times a year. I have here in my hand, two from 1991. We have a complete file of these GFA NEWSLETTERS."

Francis Curtis: "In fact, this is how we made the original contact, through these GFA NEWSLETTERS. Some of you might remember that we had a couple of gentlemen from the GFA come here to our Reunion a few years back... That's how we began to make contact with them. It's proved to be very interesting for us because that's how we ended up going to England. That was the GFA's fourth tour to England, I think. Also, through this, I became acquainted with the Griswold house in Connecticut, and that was mentioned to us earlier in meetings with the Powells, and now I've been there and I've visited it and gotten to know the people who live in it, who are Griswolds."

Another interesting thing, from my perspective, is that one of my wife's original ancestors in America and the Griswold who came to Wethersfield, Connecticut were both in Wethersfield at the same time. My wife's ancestor was a Frisbee, and the Frisbees left, and went down to Branford, Connecticut. I decided it was because they couldn't get along with the Griswolds, and I've suggested to my wife that maybe that's still true... If any of you have any ideas of the kinds of things that the GFA might like to do or see when they come here, please let the Joint Reunion Committee know your ideas. There will probably be sixty to a hundred who come here

from the GFA. . . Tentatively, we have reserved the Comfort Inn in Sterling, on I-84, for this group. . . We talked to Camp Lodore down here, but they wanted \$2,000 up front, and I'm not sure that we have that kind of money...

Clarence Loomis: "One of the things that interests me is that the glass industry was one of the major industries in Wayne County from about 1870 to 1920, and yet we find no connection between that industry and the Griswold family. I wonder if there is a connection?"

Amy Rude: "That would be interesting to know. It would be good to have someone talk about that. Kurt Reed does programs on that. And there's the Dorflinger Glass Museum in White Mills."

Donald Powell: "They (the GFA) might be interested in visiting the Grace Episcopal Church in Honesdale. There's a stupendous set of stained glass Griswold windows in memory of Jeremiah Clark Gunn, 1804-1889, and his wife Arsa Melissa Griswold, 1812-1891. One of the Griswold windows is an Annunciation. It is one of the main windows in the east end of the church. I photographed them a few years ago. There are four Griswold windows in that church. Some of them are Tiffany glass."

John Rude: "Now, is that Gerald Pratt's mother's family, whose name was Griswold? He confronted me one time on the genealogy, and I said that I had a genealogy, so we met. My wife also has genealogy on the Griswolds back to the New England states. They couldn't connect the two people, and we went down to Gerry Pratt's and Gerry looked at what I had and he said no this is not what I've been looking for. And then he looked at some genealogy that my wife has and he said yes that's what I've been looking for all of my life. The whole thing. And so, he got what he's was after. His ancestors go back to the same town that we do, but until now they have not been able to connect the two. In our genealogy it says so, and in Amy's genealogy it says so."

Joan Curtis: "I thought it would be interesting to display a collection of Griswold ironware. . . There are different trademarks on the backs of the pans, depending on when they were produced. They've changed that trademark over the years, but they always says 'Griswold' and there's always the cross in the center of a circle."

Francis Curtis: "Does anybody else have any?"

Sam Curtis: "There is an antique dealer down in Big Valley that has a large collection. We talked with her, and it's possible that we could get some connection there. We've been buying this ironware and paying \$15 or \$17 for

it or a little more for a Griswold frying pan or a Dutch oven, and all of a sudden the prices have jumped to the \$300 or \$400 price range. All of a sudden, Griswold ironware has become a very hot collectors' item. We thought it might make an interesting display at the headquarters of the Joint Reunion, wherever we locate. We have about ten pieces."

Joan Curtis: "We don't plan to buy any more at that price. We have the fry pans that start at size 3 up through size 12. We have a Dutch oven. I have a muffin tin and some molds. The trademark is a circle with a cross in it and the word Griswold across the cross in the circle."

Francis Curtis: "You'd better keep them under lock and key at that price."

Sam Curtis: "In some of the early pieces, the words 'Erie Iron Works' are written around the outside."

Francis Curtis: "Mrs. Olver said that she had one, but that she's not sure she can put her hand on it."

Joan Curtis: "There are all sorts of pieces. There's a fish pan, which is shaped like a fish. One of the pieces that we have is called a breakfast pan, which is divided into three sections so that you can do the two eggs and the bacon at the same time. There are all kinds of unique pieces that they put together, and that was made from about 1850 on. In the 1950s, they began making that heavy pounded aluminum, because somebody lent me a piece of that. I was talking about this Reunion and a friend said that her mother had one and she brought it over and it's that old pounded aluminum with the same Griswold sign on the bottom of it, with a cover and a wooden handle. The old iron ones all have iron handles. You just can't make a better pot roast than in one of those old Dutch ovens. We've tried it this winter, and it's just wonderful. The Griswold that went to Erie and founded that ironworks is a brother of the one that came here. That's what we're told. That Erie branch of the Griswolds has never been very involved with the GFA."

Francis Curtis: "Judy, is there anything else from that last GFA Reunion that we should mention?"

Judy Blair: "At the GFA meeting in Connecticut last October there was a display of Griswold ironware. It wasn't a large collection."

Francis Curtis: "Robert has a few things to mention, so I'll turn the meeting over to him for a minute."

Robert Powell then asked for copies of any genealogical material that should be included in the Griswold Reunion databank. Among the materials that Robert

received in the mail prior to the Reunion or which were presented at the Reunion included: obituary of Gertrude Gardner Synder; a newspaper clipping about a wedding that took place in 1990, from Mary Zollbrecht; a letter from Mary Theresa Rebernik with information on the family of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Loomis; a letter from Gertrude Schaffer, who sends her regrets about not being able to be here today because she has major surgery coming up in Philadelphia; a Christmas card from Letha and David Griswold of Sweet Valley, PA, who were with us a couple of years ago; a Christmas card from Leona Vaughn; an invitation to the 80th birthday celebration of Esther Forsberg that is being sponsored by Esther's children; a letter from Esther Forsberg in which was enclosed a copy of an obituary of Mabel Louise Haven; a letter from Lois Rose asking for information about the Paynter family (Clarence Loomis said that he could and would answer the letter); a letter from Andrew Clark Pikosky, who is one of the officers of the GFA; a letter from LaVerne Kuhn, who is the daughter of Mildred LaBarre; a note and check from Douglas and Helen Blair; a note and check from Minna Blair; a note from Mrs. Henry Neutts; a note and check from Col. and Mrs. Louis G. Pazel; a letter and check from Ronald Curtis Ewing; a check from Patricia Lawrence. Also, from Gary Ewing, a copy of a booklet for Francis Curtis III, and a generous donation to the Griswold Reunion treasury. The booklet is a substantial list, about 50 pages, of genealogical information which was put together on the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Pearl Curtis Brudos and Ernest Brudos.

Robert then assured all those who ordered a copy of the complete list of the descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold that they would get a copy as soon as the updating and revising are completed. Robert also asked for all additions or corrections to the mailing list.

1994 SUPERLATIVES

Oldest family member present at Griswold Reunion: Fred Olver, 92 1/2. Harold Olver (not present) will be 101 next month.

Youngest family member present: Mary Tyler's son Aaron, age 4 months.

Family member who traveled the greatest distance to get to the Reunion: Clarence and Ruth Loomis, 250 miles, from Hope Valley, RI. (Clarence Loomis: "On Route 84 in New York state we went through 20 miles of bumper-to-bumper traffic.") Judy Blair traveled 137 miles to get to the Reunion.

Family member who traveled the shortest distance to get to the

Reunion: Dorothy Curtis Hornbeck, 1 mile; John and Amy Rude, 1.2 miles.

Family with the most members present: Laura Rude family, 13 persons; Olga Stiles family, 10 persons; John Rude family, 7 persons.

Francis Curtis: "In order to support the organization, we need to see if you have any extra change in your pockets."

Donald W. Powell II walked among the gathered family with the collection pail in hand. As the collection was being taken, Jane Shaffer told a joke dealing with President Clinton and a cat and her kittens. Clarence Loomis remarked: "On the way down here, I happened to notice at Exit 70 on I-95 at Old Saybrook a sign for the Florence Griswold Museum. The Griswold Inn is there too."

Amy Rude: "You might ask the group if there are any more volunteers who might want to put up people at the time of the Joint Reunion in 1996."

Francis Curtis: "Good idea. Also, if anyone here would like to serve on the Joint Reunion Committee, please come forward. Currently the Committee is Judy Blair, Kathy Forster, John and Amy Rude, Karen Hornbeck, and me. Jane Shaffer and Gloria Johnston mentioned today that they would also like to be on the Committee."

Wendy Kille: "Maybe we should put a sign out front to tell people who have never been here that this is where the Griswold Reunion is taking place?"

Francis Curtis: "Good idea. It tells people where we are and it lets the world know what's going on here, and that's not a bad idea."

Mary Zollbrecht: "One of our ancestors, in the Dred Scott decision, voted to let that man be free and not be a slave."

Sam Curtis: "The rector of Saint Alphege's Church in Solihull, from 1589 to 1639, was a Charles Curtis. Maybe the Curtis family came from the same place the Griswold family did?"

Robert Powell: "I think it's a wonderful sign that the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion is getting larger. We have new faces all the time."

Francis Curtis: "If there's nothing else, we'll meet here again on the third Saturday of August in 1995. That would be the 19th."

The meeting, accordingly, was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Robert Powell

LOCAL HOSPITALITY

There will be many people from out of town at the Joint Reunion. If you are able to provide accommodations for some of these visiting Griswolds, contact a

member of the Joint Reunion committee. Both you and your guests will enjoy the Joint Reunion even more if you serve as host/hostess for our visiting Griswold friends.

OUR LINK TO THE ENGLISH GRISWOLDS

How do we (the Clinton Township Griswolds) connect to the English Griswolds who were established at Solihull, Warwickshire, prior to 1400? Here is the line of descent.

- GEORGE GRISWOLD, Kenilworth, England, had five sons: Thomas (stayed in England); Michael (b. 1597, settled in Wethersfield, CT); Edward (b. 1607, settled in Windsor, CT, 1639); Francis (settled in Cambridge, MA); Matthew (b. 1620, settled in Windsor, Saybrook, and Lyme, CT)
- MICHAEL GRISWOLD (1) (second son of George), b. 1597, d. 09-26-1684; settled in Wethersfield, CT; married Ann. They were the parents of nine children, the oldest of whom was Thomas.
- THOMAS GRISWOLD (2), b. 10-22-1646 in Wethersfield, CT; d. 10-28-1718; married on 11-28-1672 to Mary Howard (d. 10-29-1718, the day following her husband's death). They were the parents of six children, the youngest of whom was Samuel.
- SAMUEL GRISWOLD (16), b. 12-15-1684 in Wethersfield, CT; married on 03-11-1708, in Wethersfield, CT, to Mary Francis (b. 05-26-1689). They were the parents of 15 children, the 11th of whom was John.
- JOHN GRISWOLD (88), b. 06-23-1721. Very little is known of this John Griswold, other than the fact that he had a son John.
- JOHN GRISWOLD (375A), b. 10-15-1754 in Norwich, MA; d. 10-16-1843; married in October 1790 or 1791, in Sandisfield, MA, to Elizabeth Crittenden (d. 09-14-1851, at age 90). At the age of 18, John Griswold served in the Revolutionary War. In 1810 or 1811, John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold left Massachusetts and came to Wayne County, PA. They were the parents of six sons: John (b. 07-09-1792), Francis (b. 11-14-1793), Orrin (b. 04-19-1796), Sumner (b. 08-20-1798), Horace (b. 11-15-1800), and Sedate (b. 10-01-1802).

Note: The numbers in parentheses after the names of MICHAEL, THOMAS, SAMUEL, JOHN, and JOHN are the numbers that have been assigned to those persons by

Glenn E. Griswold in the multivolume history of the Griswold Family.

FROM ESTHER FORSBERG

In her letter to S. R. Powell of August 19, 1994, Esther Forsberg reported the following interesting facts: "... My mother, Amanda Curtis Patey, used to tell about her little brother one night was very sick and her mother went out in the middle of the night and gathered some herbs - Mother never knew what they were. But after giving them to her brother he was well by morning.

Grandma Curtis made a feather tick out of flax she wove into linens. My mother took the feathers out and filled pillows and then cut up the linen and made doilies for each of her children. I have a beautiful doily from the linen tick."

GRISWOLD CANTEEN

The canteen carried by John Griswold in the Revolutionary War was donated to the Wayne County Historical Society in 1950. On August 8, 1992, Donald W. Powell and Donald W. Powell II discovered the canteen there in a glass case in the basement. The label on the canteen read as follows: "This canteen was carried by John Griswold during the Revolutionary War. He was a native of Massachusetts. Donated by: Miss Augusta Curtis and Dwight Rude, descendants of Griswold. November 1950. #644"

John Griswold's chair was a treasured possession of Edith A. Gardner and Gertrude Gardner Snyder, who bequeathed it to their descendants. John Griswold's three-drawer cherry chest, which came to Clinton Township in the ox cart with the Griswolds in 1810 or 1811, was a cherished possession of Alice Curtis Williams at the time of her death.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS NEEDED

The 1994 or 1995 Griswold Reunion announcements that were mailed to the following persons were returned by the post office and stamped "undeliverable." Does anyone have the correct mailing addresses of the following persons: Michael E. Manaton, Edward Sparrow, Gregory Norton, Mr. Robert C. Treat, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hungerford, Mrs. Robert Sheehan, Phyllis Olver Donato.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, JUNE 1, 1996

On June 1, 1996, at 1:00 P.M., the following persons met at Ridge Farm, the home of John and Amy Rude, in Waymart, to discuss and fine-tune plans for the Joint Reunion on October 4-6, 1996:

John Rude, Amy Rude, Karen Hornbeck, Francis Curtis, Judy Blair, Kathy Forster, Donald W. Powell, Janet Mann, and S. Robert Powell. Janet Mann is one of the co-presidents of the Griswold Family Association of America. She and her husband, Dennis, and their son, Eddie, and the family dogs, Snoopy and Dakota, were the house guests of John and Amy Rude for the weekend.

Karen Hornbeck, as the meeting began, reported that she had one of her colleagues at work translate the Latin inscription on the Griswold coat of arms. The translation is as follows: "I spurn reptiles (crawling animals) by taking flight."

Kathy Forster and Janet Mann led a discussion of the plans for the Joint Reunion, and the details of that discussion are reported on page one of this NEWSLETTER. As the discussion took place, Robert Powell noted

- that it is expected that about 60 people from the GFA National will attend the Joint Reunion;
- that a registration form for the Joint Reunion will be mailed out to all on the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion mailing list when the announcement of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion is mailed out in July; checks are to be made payable to the Griswold Family Association of America; checks are to be given to Judy Blair, who will coordinate the reservations; the deadline for all reservations for the Joint Reunion is September 3rd;
- that Janet Mann and Kathy Forster will gather together all of the components for the packets of information that will be given to all who attend the Joint Reunion (schedule for the weekend, lunch passes, local brochures, and other items); the packets will be assembled at a Planning Committee meeting at Ridge Farm at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, September 13;
- that Kathy Forster and Robert Powell will make sure that Janet Mann has the necessary "local promotional material" for the Joint Reunion (why Griswolds from out of the area should attend the Joint Reunion in this part of the country) to be included in the GFA NEWSLETTER that will be published before the Joint Reunion; one of the items that Janet believes will be a good item to include is the article given on this page entitled "Our Link to the English Griswolds"

Following the Planning Committee meeting, which took place on the front porch of Ridge Farm, all were treated by Amy Rude to Apple Cake (Margaret

Rude's recipe, and a very good one; the exact name of the recipe may not be Apple Cake; John Rude will have to tell us the correct name of the dessert) and lemonade in the dining room at Ridge Farm.

Notes by S. Robert Powell

JUST FOR THE RECORD

Early Settlers and Ministers Monument in Clinton Cemetery officially unveiled and dedicated, August 27, 1915. To Laura Griswold Loomis was given the honor of unveiling the monument at the dedication; 400 people present.

John Griswold (1754-1843) and Elizabeth Crittenden (1761-1851) Monument in Clinton Cemetery officially dedicated, September 4, 1922.

The six sons of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden are:

- 1. John , m. Louisa Johnson
- 2. Francis, m. to Jane Loomis
- 3. Orrin, m. Lois Deming
- 4. Sumner, m. Clarissa Gelatte
- 5. Horace, m. Louisa A. McKnight
- 6. Sedate, m, first, Julia Burns; m., second, Nancy ?



GRISWOLD REUNION, August 19, 1989. Photograph by Donald W. Powell, taken outside of Moosic Grange 1041, Waymart, PA. Front row: John Rude, Amy Rude, Gertrude G. Snyder, Fred Olver, Gertrude Loomis Schaffer, Mary Rebernik, Mary Zollbrecht, Mildred LaBarre, Alfred Shaffer, Donald W. Powell. Second row: Sam Curtis, Francis

Curtis III, Joan Curtis, Eleanor Rude, Ray Grace, Amy Grace holding Zachariah Grace, Dorothy Olver, Fay Sosenko, Doris Mead, S. Robert Powell holding Donald W. Powell II, Helen Wright Giles, Helen R. Powell, Doris Howell, Candy Kille, Wendy Kille. Back row: Myrtle Curtis, Edith A. Gardner, LaVange Arnold.



CHILDREN OF HENRY BANNING CURTIS AND LOUISA GRISWOLD CURTIS. Photograph by an unidentified photographer--almost certainly Adon L.

Cramer, Carbondale, PA--in the collection of Alice Curtis Williams; copy print by Donald W. Powell. Back row: Harriet Curtis Gardner, Arthur Hamblin

Curtis, William VanTassel Curtis, Laura Curtis Rude. Front row: Francis H. Curtis, Elizabeth Curtis Corey, Augusta Gertrude Curtis, George Augustus Curtis. Amanda Curtis Patey (inset).

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FROM THE SECRETARY

This *Newsletter* contains a lot of information on the Griswolds of northeastern Pennsylvania during the period 1996-1999. I hope that you derive as much pleasure in reading it as I have in bringing it into existence.

Copies will be distributed today to everyone who attends the 93rd reunion. Copies for all other persons on the mailing list will be mailed or distributed next week.

If you have any genealogical information (births, deaths, marriages, etc.) to be included in the records of the Griswold Reunion, please WRITE DOWN that information and hand it to me. Also put your name on any information that you give me so that I will know whom to contact if I have any questions about the data that you have presented.

There are, I'm sure, many names that should be added to the mailing list. There may well be some names that should be deleted. If you are not certain whether or not a name is on the list, take a look at the copy of the master list, as of August 10, 1999, that is given herein on pp. 15-16.

I also have a copy with me today of the complete list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. Take a look at this list, especially the page where you are listed. If there are additions or corrections to be made, please show me where they are to be made in the master list.

As I mentioned in the "Griswold Notes" that I sent to all persons on the mailing list on November 26, 1998, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion is now on the Internet.

You'll recall that at last year's Reunion, Janet Mann asked us to submit to her some information about the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion to be included on the Griswold Family Association's webpage on the Internet. In the weeks following the Reunion, I submitted information about our Reunion to Janet and her sister, Barbara Ryan, who manages the GFA's website:

<http://www@Griswoldfamily.org>

Before Thanksgiving, the information about our Reunion, together with nine photographs that Janet took at our Reunion last August, was on the Internet. Those photographs are described herein in the reprint of "Griswold Notes" of November 26, 1998.

As you probably know, most webpages are continually revised and updated. Those photographs, I'm happy to report, were on the Internet for about seven months. I have with me today a printout of those photographs if you would like to see them.

A hard copy of most of the material on the GFA webpage as 07-27-1999 is included in this issue of the NEWSLETTER.

Special thanks to Janet Mann and Barbara Ryan for making it possible for the Clinton Township Griswolds to be part of the GFA's website.

Most interestingly, Barbara Ryan (in Singapore, on a business trip) and I (in Scranton, at work at Harcourt Learning Direct) had e-mail correspondence on January 21, 1999 about the material on the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswolds for the GFA webpage. How small the world has become!

Photographs and reports about the Griswold Reunion here today at the Homestead Golf Course will be published on the GFA's webpage in the weeks ahead, so check out the GFA's website on a regular basis.

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1996

There were two Griswold Reunions in 1996:

1. the Northeastern Pennsylvania 90th Griswold Reunion on August 17, 1996
2. the Joint Reunion of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion and the Griswold Family Association of America on October 4-6, 1996

90th GRISWOLD REUNION

August 17, 1996

Moosic Grange Hall, Waymart, PA

The following persons signed the attendance list: Dorothy C. Hornbeck, Marjorie Gravalec, Mary Chopak, Marie Savokinas, Rita Gustitius, Donald W. Powell II, Dorothy Ogden, Helen R. Powell, William F. Ogden, Doris Mead, Marge Gravalec, S. Robert Powell, John Rude, Amy Rude, Francis Curtis, Gordon Hawley, Clarence E. Loomis, Louise M. Hawley, Linda J. Canfield, Ashley J. Canfield, Joan B. Curtis, Samuel M. Curtis, Donald W. Powell, Minna Blair, Jean and Jim Kase, Dorothy Olver, Karen Hornbeck, Kathryn Forster, Judy Blair, Beatrice Bartholomay, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Gloria Johnston, Mary Zollbrecht, Jane Shaffer, Jim Kille, Sherly Kille, Megan Kille, Justin Kille, Marge Olver Schofield, John Pieszala, Jackie Pieszala, Bernice Dolan, Wendy Kille, and Candice Kille.

Covered-dish dinner served at noon, followed by a business meeting, Francis Curtis, President.

NOTES FROM THE 1996 BUSINESS MEETING

August 17, 1996

Moosic Grange Hall, Waymart, PA

Covered-dish dinner served at noon, followed by a business meeting. John Rude, President.

John Rude called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the 90th Griswold Reunion. He remarked that Beatrice Bartholomay, who is here today, has attended every one of these Griswold Reunions in Clinton Township.

The secretary of the Griswold Reunion, S. Robert Powell, reported that the minutes of the 1994 and 1995 reunions are published in Volume I,

June 20, 1996) of the *union Newsletter*. He stated there are a couple of errors in that newsletter and distributed an errata sheet on which the necessary corrections are given.

Judy Blair, Katherine Forster, and Karen Hornbeck presented a complete report on the plans for the Joint Reunion this October and reported that the deadline for reservations is September 3rd. Judy, Katherine, and Karen were given a round of applause for all the work they have done/are doing to guarantee the success of the Joint Reunion. Twenty-one of the people present here today plan to attend the October reunion.

Donald Powell gave the treasurer's report. He reported that at present we have over \$300 in the treasury and that all of our bills have been paid, including the total cost of printing and mailing Volume I, Number 8 of the *Griswold Reunion Newsletter* (\$532).

Robert asked for all additions and corrections to the mailing list and to the complete list of descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden. Robert said that copies of the complete descendant list were available for \$5.00 (the cost of Xeroxing).

Judy Blair showed the group the family history publications that are available from the Griswold Family Association and announced that copies of those publications would be available for purchase at the October reunion.

Clarence Loomis showed the group the black walnut box that he has made in which to store his copy of the monumental Loomis genealogy by Elias Loomis, LL.D. Clarence remarked that during his military career, he was once stationed with a navy captain whose first name was Griswold.

Sam and Joan Curtis spoke on the subject of collecting Griswold ironware. Joan stated that the frying pans range in size from #1-13. The largest one, size 13, sometimes sells for as much as \$850.

A very nice display of Griswold ironware was exhibited on the stage of the Moosic Grange Hall. The display included items from the collection of Sam and Joan Curtis, Gordon and Louise Hawley, John and Amy Rude, and Clarence Loomis.

Gordon Hawley told the group to beware of imitations and reproductions when buying Griswold ironware in the antique markets. Gordon reported that at an antique market on Route 20 there was a dealer who had a tripod stand a set of frying pans (#2-13) and he was selling them all for \$5,000. The number 2 pan alone sells for \$500. Gordon pointed out that there are books on Griswold ironware and that anyone interested in collecting Griswold pieces should study carefully any information available on the subject before buying. (A selected bibliography on Griswold ironware is given herein on page 10.)

The annual "passing of the hat" took place and \$164 was added to the treasury.

Karen Hornbeck read a text, written by Augusta Curtis, on the composition of *Almost Persuaded* by P. P. Bliss. That hymn was written in the Judson Curtis house in Aldenville (later owned by Arch Kennedy and now by Lloyd and Regina Kennedy).

Here is that text by Augusta Curtis:

"Where and How Almost Persuaded Was Composed"

It may be of interest to the readers of this paper to know that the inspiration of that familiar hymn was received at our Clinton Center Baptist Church.

Words and music written by that great composer and sweet singer of sacred son, P. P. Bliss.

Previous to the occasion which called forth this hymn P. P. Bliss held a musical convention in the home of Henry B. Curtis and family.

Music at that time was led or pitched with the tuning fork. At the close of this convention Mr. Bliss presented his tuning fork to Mr. Curtis. This historic relic is now owned and treasured by Mr. Arthur Curtis.

At the time of the inspiration of this hymn a revival meeting was in progress in Clinton Center. And P. P. Bliss was lending a helping voice.

One night Rev. Jones of Wilkesbarre preached a powerful sermon and urged with great fervency his unsaved hearers to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

And the spirit of the meeting seemed to say "Almost Persuaded."

That night Mr. Bliss went home with Mr. & Mrs. Judson Curtis. Their home was then north of Aldenville. In the house now occupied by Mr. Arch Kennedy & family.

Mr. Bliss made the remark that he saw depicted on so many faces the feeling of almost persuaded.

Retiring to his room after reaching Mr. Curtis's home, he soon returned to the sitting room with paper in hand on which were written words and music of "Almost Persuaded."

Approaching Mr. & Mrs. Curtis (By the way, Mrs. Curtis is still living), he said "Let us try the new song." Since those three voices set that new song to tune now over half a century ago "Almost Persuaded" has been echoed and re-echoed in thousands & thousands of homes and churches throughout this and other lands."

Robert Powell reported on the visit that was made to what is believed to be the site of the original John Griswold house (up behind the Moosic Grange Hall), in the summer of 1996, by Donald W. Powell I, Donald W. Powell II, Karen Hornbeck, John Munch, and S. Robert Powell. The trip took place following one of the organizational meetings for the October 1996 reunion. Photographs were taken during the walk by Donald W. Powell. At the foundation site, a kind of "refrigerator" has been constructed in the side of the mountain: a box-like structure, made of stone slabs,

constructed above a small spring coming out of the mountain. Barberry bushes and very old apple trees were found in the vicinity of a level clearing very near the "refrigerator." Robert: "I don't think we'll ever be able to say with complete assurance that this is the site of John Griswold's original cabin, but based upon what Alice Curtis Lund said and upon the "evidence" that we have located on the site that we believe to be the site described by Alice, I think it is very probable that we have found the site of the original John Griswold cabin."

Donald Powell showed the group the linen coverlet that Louisa Griswold made, circa 1870, having grown the flax, made and dyed the linen threads, and then wove the coverlet. The coverlet was given to the Powells by Gertrude Gardner Synder on March 7, 1981.

Here is the text of the handwritten note that Gertrude Snyder wrote and attached to the coverlet:

"This coverlet was made by my grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Curtis, who gathered the flax, spun it, and then wove it, completing it about 1870.

"Although she had 11 children, she still had time to study plants and get the necessary ingredients to produce the dyes to color the material she used for rugs, quilts, and clothing she made.

"She also knew the herbs to gather for medicine and used them to doctor her sick neighbors."

Donald then acknowledged the important role that Edith Gardner and Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder played in getting the Powells involved with the Griswold Reunion. Donald: "If it hadn't been for Edith and Gertrude, we would never have learned about the Griswold Reunion and gotten involved." John Rude then added: "And my father, Dwight Rude, said that if the Powells hadn't gotten involved with the Griswold Reunion, it probably would have gone under. At the time the Powells got involved, the Reunion was down to a small handful of senior people. The Powell boys got things going again, and look where we are today—we're going to sponsor a national Griswold meeting this October. The Griswold Reunion owes a lot to Edith and Gertrude and to the Powell boys, and I think they deserve a nice round of applause."

With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned. The group then assembled outside the side doors to the Grange Hall and several family members took group photographs.

1996 SUPERLATIVES

- Traveled farthest distance to get to Clinton Township: Gordon and Louise Hawley, 1,450 miles.
- Shortest distance: the Hornbeck family, 1 mile; John and Amy Rude, 1.4 miles.
- Oldest Griswold present: Beatrice Bartholomay, born April 12, 1903; Minna Blair, born January 30, 1905; over age 80: Helen Powell, Dorothy Olver, Marge Gravalect

- Youngest Griswold present: Ashley J. Canfield, 4 years old
- Family with most members present: Olga Stiles family, 16 members present
- \$164 received in collection; money counted by Donald W. Powell II
- The following persons ordered, and paid for (\$5), the complete descendant list when it was printed following the 1997 Griswold Reunion: Gordon Hawley, John Rude, Clarence Loomis, Mary Chopak, and Rita Gustitius.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Amy Rude for lending the Secretary, in the fall of 1996, her copy of *The Lineage of Jane Lay or the Robert Lays of Saybrook and Connected Families*, private edition, compiled by Ella Alice Dale, 1950.

Of special interest to the Secretary in that book are the sections on the history of the Grinnell and Griswold families.

ERRATA

Here are some corrections to be made to Volume I, Number 8 (June 20, 1996) of the GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER.

p. 1, column 1, line 21: "hosed" should read "hosted"

p. 3, photograph at the bottom of the page: the last seven lines of the caption should read:

"Not shown in this photograph are Ruth (Patey) Needhan, born 1906; Alice (Curtis) Williams, born 1907; Leona (Curtis) Vaughn, born 1907; Viola (Patey) Silks, born 1910;

Esther (Patey) Forsberg, born 1914; and Dorothy (Curtis) Hornbeck, born 1919. Photograph probably taken in 1906."

p. 6, column 1, line 43: "scuthed" should read "scutched"

p. 9, column 2, last paragraph: the correct name of the cake is "Apple Chip Cake."

Here is the recipe: blend together the following: 1 1/2 cups salad oil, 2 cups sugar, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in 3 or 4 cups of cored apples that have been cut into small chunks. Add 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Spoon into ungreased 10" X 13" angel food pan and sprinkle 1 cup of chopped nuts on top. Bake at 350 for 50 minutes.

THANK YOU

Thanks again to all those persons who provided the Secretary with updated information for the Griswold Reunion data bank at the time of the two Griswold Reunions in 1996.

Those persons include: John Cook, Janice Stiles Winters, LaVerne LaBarre Kuhn, Nancy M. Curtis, Esther Brown, Gordon and Louise Hawley, L. G. Pazel, Elwin Curtis Walker, Sr., Bernice Dolan, Dorothy Olver, Eileen

Weick, Mary Zollbrecht, Marjorie and Stephen Gravalec, Gertrude L. Schaffer, Gerald and Marjorie Cook, Minna Blair, Ken and Betty Pratt, Fred and Ruth Anne Rude, Grace Short, Carl and Beatrice Spangenberg, Curtis and Phyllis Brudos, Esther Griswold French, Leona Vaughn, Lonnie and Curtis Vaughn, Linda and Jim Miller.

Special thanks to Eileen Weick for the complete update (hundreds of additions and corrections) to the list of descendants of William Van Tassel Curtis and his wife Gjertrude Marie ("Mary") Peterson.

All of the corrections and additions that were provided by those persons will be incorporated into the Griswold Reunion master file of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden.

JOINT REUNION

Bryn Mawr Convention Center,
Honesdale, PA
October 4-6, 1996

See the outline of the 3-day event in Volume I, Number 8 of the *Griswold Reunion Newsletter*. See also (1) the comments by Judy Blair and others in the report in this newsletter on the 1997 Griswold Reunion, and (2) the spiral-bound commemorative booklet titled *Griswold Family Association Reunion October 4-6, 1996* by Donald Powell.

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91st GRISWOLD REUNION

August 16, 1997

Moosic Grange Hall, Waymart, PA

The following persons signed the register at the 91st Griswold Reunion, held in the Moosic Grange Hall, R. D., Waymart, PA: Helen R. Powell, Donald W. Powell, Donald W. Powell II, Clarence E. Loomis, Gertrude Loomis Schaffer, Gordon and Louise Hawley, Mary A. Zollbrecht, Kevin Johnston, Gloria Johnston, Ed Teeple, Wendy and Candice Kille, Jane Shaffer, Darwin Brudos, Minna Blair, Dorothy L. Olver, Judith Blair, John and Amy Rude, Eleanor Rude, Dorothy Graham, LaVerne Kuhn, and Bob Kuhn.

Covered-dish dinner served at noon, followed by the annual business meeting, John Rude, President.

NOTES FROM THE 1997 BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by John Rude, President. The Secretary, S. Robert Powell, distributed copies of a 3-page text titled *Griswold Notes*, which contains the highlights of the 1996 reunion. A complete report on the 1996 reunion will be published, said he, in Volume I, Number 9 of the *Griswold Reunion Newsletter*. Robert indicated that extra copies of Volume I, Number 8 were still available.

The secretary then called for all additions and corrections to the mailing

list and to the complete list of the descendants of John Griswold and Elizabeth Crittenden.

Judy Blair offered the following comments on the 1996 Joint Reunion on October 4-6, 1996:

"The Joint Reunion went extremely well. The event with the largest number of people present was the luncheon at The Settlers' Inn, when there were 104 people present. About half the group were from northeastern Pennsylvania and the other half were GFA people.

The reaction by folks from out of the area is that it was one of the nicest reunions they have ever had because of the setting, the Bryn Mawr Convention Center.

There were lots of activities. But the highlight of the entire weekend for me was at the end of the bus tour when we all piled into the Clinton Center Baptist Church and we sang a hymn called *Almost Persuaded* by P. P. Bliss, with Dorothy Graham at the piano. We sang that hymn and then we sang *How Great Thou Art*, and others. Every seat was taken—all Griswolds. And then we walked across the road to the cemetery and looked at the Griswold tombstones and then Robert, with the help of his nephew, Donald, released three homing pigeons as a symbolic statement about the power of the attraction of home, of returning to one's roots."

Robert Powell: "I agree with you, Judy, those moments in the Clinton Center Baptist church were just unforgettable. It was filled, as it hasn't been for a long time, and we all started to sing, almost spontaneously. It was an extraordinary experience. Yes, that was surely one of the highlights of the weekend.

I also think that the display of historical Griswold material at the Bryn Mawr was very nice. People lent the most remarkable objects to that display. We had Aunt Augusta's Indian artifacts and the John Griswold Revolutionary War canteen from the Wayne County Historical Society and we had the Griswold chest of drawers that came here in 1810 from Connecticut in an ox cart. The chest of drawers was once owned by Alice Curtis Lund and is now owned by Charles Curtis. The display was beautiful—and it was a larger display than any of us had anticipated. It was very impressive."

Gordon and Louise Hawley then spoke on their recent trip to England. Louise Hawley: "Most of the people who were on the trip to England with the GFA tour were here last October and they—particularly Janet Mann—are still talking about how beautiful the reunion here last October was.

Yes, Gordon and I got back, the day before yesterday, from 10 days in England, where we got steeped in Griswoldology. There were 22 on the trip and we were the only ones from the northeastern Pennsylvania group. The others came from all over the United States.

It was the 3rd Griswold Heritage Tour. Many of the people who are doing Griswold research in England work for

the National Trust, and so they have very good access to lots of material.

We visited five different churches. The Griswold crest was everywhere to be seen. We visited two 13th century half-timbered houses that were lived in by Griswolds for several hundred years: the houses of Clement Griswold and his cousin, Robert Griswold. At the time, there was a great deal of conflict between the Protestants and the Catholics, and Robert was ultimately executed for protecting Catholics. A "Blessed Robert Griswold Church" stands there today. It memorializes the martyrdom of Robert Griswold. The Griswold Family Association of America gave 600 pounds sterling and sponsored a memorial window in the church and that window was dedicated the day we came through there. It was a beautiful experience.

Afterwards, the vicar said to us: 'To speed you on your way, the ladies of the church have some sherry and nibbles.' What nice people they were!

We then stopped at a couple of old inns, one at Knowle, still bearing the name of Greswolde, one at Solihull, the Manor House. Both date back to the early fifteenth century.

One of the highlights of the trip was a Sunday visit to Solihull to attend church—an Anglican church. It was a very elegant and lofty experience.

We also visited Malvern Hall.

The last three days of the trip we spent visiting non-Griswold sites, including Chatsworth, the residence of the 11th Duke of Devonshire, and Hardwicke Hall, the residence of Elizabeth of Shrewsbury, who was a very rich and powerful Elizabethan woman.

Every four years the GFA sponsors a tour. The next one will be in 2001. The tours are wonderful. Think about going next time."

Gordon Hawley: "One day my wife asked for pie à la mode, and the English didn't know what she was talking about. We explained what it was, and they served it to us. Some people complain about English food, but we found it to be excellent."

MR. AND MRS. BOB EWING

John Rude remarked that it was very nice to have the Ewings here in Clinton Township at the Reunion and noted that they had traveled a long way to get here. Bob Ewing: "We've come from about as far as you can get in the lower 48, I reckon. We're about a 10-minute walk from the Canadian border and maybe a mile and half from salt water. We call it the fourth corner up there." Robert Ewing reported that they own over 170 pieces of Griswold iron-ware.

REV. GORDON CURTIS

Donald Powell said that he had received in early July a very interesting letter from the Rev. Gordon Curtis in Arizona. Here is the text of that letter:

"Dear Sir,

I've been engaged for some 27

years in researching my CURTIS family, beginning with the emigrant HENRY CURTIS. Then a year ago I was given a copy of your fine work on the Griswold family which included a long line of Curtises. It was a fabulous find for me as you might imagine. Your data starts with the second Henry Curtis; mine starts with the first.

My search took me three generations into England. the emigrant Henry had twelve children, ten of which came here about 1802. My researches covered eight of these children but I was against a wall on the four orphaned children in 1812 when Henry and Alice died in Butternuts. Suddenly, from your work I could identify the youngest child (born within a few months of their sailing) as REV. HENRY CURTIS. From that point, thanks to your work, my Curtis files exploded.

I would like to know if you are interested in those other eleven children of the Curtis line?

The date that you have on the senior Henry is amazingly similar to mine but I would be able to fill in still more if you are interested. Where there are differences you might like to know my procedures and sources.

I have hundreds of parish records from Leicestershire provided by genealogists in England. I visited England in 1971, was within a few miles of their sites (and didn't know it at the time). It was in 1972 that I realized this unfortunate fact. I first discovered it when I found the Prentice Burying Ground in Butternuts in Otsego County, NY. I then pursued the leads that I had in Otsego, Chenango, and Chemung counties. I have court records, census data (the usual) as reliable sources, aided by a remarkable collection of historical sketches of JOHN, the eldest son who was 22 at sailing.

There is one question that I put to you. What was your source for Rev. Henry's birth? My genealogists contacts in England could find no parish records for the last four children. They apparently were not born in Ilston-on-Hill and for years I assumed they were born in R. I., where I found Henry Curtis in the 1810 census. I knew they existed but unnamed.

I would appreciate hearing from you.

Cordially.

Rev. Gordon H. Curtis."

On hearing this letter, Gordon and Louis Hawley offered the following comments:

The town is called Gilbertsville today, not Butternuts. It's on Route 51, out of Mount Upton. It's still called the Butternut Valley, though. We've been to the cemetery and found the stone. We've also found the Curtis home, which we located after some research in Cooperstown. We've camped about two miles south of Gilbertsville and the Curtis farm is about a quarter of a mile away from there and it's taken us two years to find it. It's still standing.

We visited Rev. Gordon Curtis in Arizona, and compared our records to his.

The former Curtis farm in Gilbertsville is on the River Road. The house has been modernized, but you can tell it's an old house even though it's been brought right up to the minute.

Just about a month ago, I (Louise) decided, 'nothing ventured nothing gained,' to knock on the door. We talked to a lady who was 92 years old. She moved there as a young bride in the early days of this century. The Curtises had bought the house and property for \$4,000 one hundred years earlier, in 1807 when the oldest son, John preceded his parents here because Mom Curtis had little children.

We also went to Cooperstown and found the *guardian ad litem* for the four minor children, of which the Rev. Henry was the youngest. There were two girls and two boys I think.

There was a court guardianship appointed when the parents died because the four children were minors. The court order was to make sure that the four minor children got their share of the inheritance.

The two adjacent farms were sold—one bought by a son and another bought by a son-in-law.

We really don't know what happened to those other children, but we do know about the Rev. Henry."

Gordon Hawley: "The courthouse at Cooperstown was a gold mine for us."

Louise Hawley: "Gilbertsville is beautiful. It's almost as if a little chunk of England has been set down in the Otsego Valley. Beautiful."

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the account before this year's Reunion was \$523.84. There have been a lot of donations that have been sent in, which will be added to that amount. We have only two expenses today: hall rental from the Moosic Grange, \$25; postage and mailing for the 2-page flyer/announcement of today's meeting, \$59.60; total expenses: \$84.60.

IN ADDITION:

- Mary Zollbrecht read some notes that she had taken while reading *Who Was Who in the Civil War* by Stewart Sifakis, published in 1988. The book was given to Mary by her sister in 1990. Mary has a special interest in the Civil War and is involved in Civil War re-enactments. Among the names of possible "cousins" that she has found in the Sifakis book are Lewis G. Arnold (1817-1871), John Jordan Crittenden (1787-1863), Thomas Leonidas Crittenden (1819-1893), Benjamin Robbins Curtis (1809-1874), Franklin Gardner (1823-1873), Horatio Gouverneur Wright (1820-1899).
- John Rude read from Glenn Wilmarth's history of Aldenville about the specific place (the Judson Curtis house in Aldenville) where P. P. Bliss wrote "Almost Persuaded." A copy of Wilmarth's history was presented by John Rude to the Griswold Reunion.

- Clarence Loomis showed the fine wooden box that he made to keep his copy of the Loomis genealogy in; he also reported that "the Loomis gang lived in 9-mile swamp"; Clarence reported that he used to know someone whose name was "Van Tassel," which is the middle name of the third child, William, of Louisa Griswold and Henry Banning Curtis.
- Eleanor Rude reported that Naomi Rude had died on March 16, 1997; Eleanor also reported that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Forbes had a son in May 1997.
- Darwin Brudos reported that there is a Griswold Mortuary in Schenectady, NY
- It was reported that "Aunt Augusta Curtis" wanted to go to Africa as a missionary but didn't because she had a heart problem, "a bad heart."

1997 SUPERLATIVES

- Family with the most members present at this year's Reunion: Eleanor Rude family (8), Alfred Shaffer (6)
- Youngest person present: Lyndsay Mae Grace (2)
- Oldest person present: Minna Blair (92 and 8/12ths), Helen Russell Powell (84), Dorothy Olver (83)

MONETARY DONATIONS RECEIVED

Special thanks to the following persons for their generous mailed-in donations to the Griswold Reunion in the weeks before the August 16, 1997 Reunion:

Raymond and Marie Savokinas
 Gerald and Diane Stiles
 Patricia Lawrence
 Minna Blair
 The Ewing Family Trust, Robert L. Ewing and Miriam L. Ewing, trustees
 Ronald C. Ewing
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 Gerald and Marjorie Cook
 Douglas and Helen Blair
 Donna D. Wiley
 Bernice C. Dolan
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 Robert and LaVerne Kuhn
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 Charles B. Geuther

QUESTIONNAIRES

Special thanks to the following persons for sending in, in the weeks before the 1997 Griswold Reunion, (1) completed questionnaires or data to be incorporated in the master files of the Griswold Reunion, or (2) Griswold Reunion mailing list additions or corrections: Shirley Kille, Noreen and Gordon Curtis, Hornbeck family, Robert and Miriam Ewing, Marie Savokinas, Dianne Stiles, Patricia Lawrence, Ronald C. Ewing, Marjorie and Gerald Cook, LaVerne Kuhn, and John L. Cook.

DOROTHY GRAHAM

Dorothy Graham is the daughter of Nettie E. Loomis and Dr. John Edgar

Graham. During the after-dinner discussions that took place following the 1997 Griswold Reunion, Dorothy spoke of her parents, who were missionaries to China. Dorothy reported that

- Her mother, who graduated from Clinton High School on June 2, 1910, went to China at the age of 19. She was a missionary with the Christian missionary alliance. In China, she knew the parents of Pearl Buck.
- Her father, from Manitoba, went to the University of Toronto. He was an independent missionary to China. Nettie Loomis and Dr. Edgar Graham were married in China on October 14, 1926.
- Dorothy's brother, Edgar, was born in the United States when her parents were here on furlough; Edgar died at the age of 5 from amoebic dysentery.
- Dorothy's parents were on the last trip of the Bremen into New York City.
- At the age of 2, Dorothy sailed on a 6-month cruise around the world. Dorothy became a music teacher.
- Dorothy's father died on July 24, 1984, at the age of 95. "sitting in his favorite chair." In the course of his life and travels, he took over 60,000 slides.

LETTER FROM MARY CHOPAK

When she returned the 1997 Griswold Reunion questionnaire and sent in a generous cash donation to the Reunion, Mary Chopak (40 Palmer Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011) included the following note:

"I attended the Griswold Reunion for the first time last year and then attended the National Griswold Reunion in October. They were both well organized events and much was learned about our family tree.

"Upon returning home from both reunions, I told my husband of our family heritage and 'distant' connection to the Griswold cast iron name. We started attending auctions, flea markets, yard sales, and antique shops in search of the Griswold products. We joined the Griswold and Cast Iron Cookware Association to learn more and receive a semi-monthly newsletter about cast iron cook ware. We attended the National Convention of the G&CICA Convention held in April in Erie, PA. We went to the convention not knowing anyone. There were many people from as far away as Alaska. They had displays of cast iron set up in a ballroom where one could purchase pieces or just talk to experts and learn more. Seminars were held on Saturday, followed by a dinner dance and meeting. Next year's convention is to be held in St. Louis, Missouri. Our collection now is well over fifty pieces and growing.

"In July of this year, we had a mini Griswold reunion at the home of Marie & Ray Savokinas. In attendance were Jack/Jackie Pieszala, Binghamton, NY; Bea McGurrian, Exeter, PA; Mary Chopak, Harrisburg, PA; Scott/Rachel

Savokinas, Budd Lake, NJ; Danny, Davy, and Bobby Stiles. It was a chance to get together and reminisce about the old days in Aldenville."

LETTER FROM GERRY AND MARJORIE COOK

In their letter to the Reunion of August 6, 1997, Marjorie remarks:

"My brother Frederick and I belong to the FLAGON & TRENCHER Descendants of COLONIAL TAVERN-KEEPERS (PRIOR TO 1700). This year the annual luncheon was held at the Griswold Inn in Essex, CT. We thought it would be great fun to go. And it was. We met other "cousins" there. Had a great luncheon and meeting on Saturday. We stayed in Old Saybrook over night and went to the Griswold Inn for their special Sunday brunch the next day.

"On our trip, Gerry and I did genealogy work in Norwich, Hartford, and Windsor. Found some very interesting material. We always enjoy going to the Windsor Historical building. It is such a treat to see the "Bear Claw Bible" again. . .

"My grandmother, Laura Curtis Rude, kept wonderful scrap books which have so much information from newspaper articles. Nothing is dated, but it would be easy to verify the information from material in the Wayne County Historical Genealogy section or in the Wayne County Newspaper archives. . ."

"Gerry and I are on e-mail. The address is remrudcook@aol.com. Would enjoy hearing from any of the cousins.

"Whenever I think of the Griswold Reunion, I think of Harriet, Augusta, and Laura Curtis; also Edith and Gertrude. Then too, I think of my parents. They were all such faithful Reunion-ers. And I also think of the Powells."

LETTER FROM GERTRUDE LOOMIS SCHAFFER

August 20, 1997

Robert,

I think we had a nice reunion. We've lost most of the generation I've always called the Curtis cousins. . . I stopped at Violet Hauenstein's after the Reunion. . . I wish she'd go to the Reunions. She tells about tutoring her grandchildren in math. A violent storm hit at my brother's—they were milking with a generator.

I remember when everybody knew each other and their everyday lives. I leave the reunion wishing I knew more about the ones who go now.

As for me, I guess I'm still a farmer—however, I don't own the dairy that's here and mostly I mow the lawn and berry patch and have a small garden. The blueberries are almost gone but I've picked at least 100 quarts. The wind and lack of rain caused a lot of the green berries to drop.

I guess I should just be thankful that I was able to get back home and be able to get back to independent living. But then, I never thought I wouldn't. . .

It's been 10 years this August since Henry died at age 70. Next month, I will be 76.

The best to you all and your mother. Let's do it again next year!

With memories,

Your Griswold and Loomis cousin, Gertrude L. Schaffer."

Gertrude enclosed a copy of what sounds like a very good recipe:

Blueberry Banana Snackcake

1 ¼ cups sugar

— butter [Gertrude forgot to indicate how much. We'll have to ask her at this year's reunion]

2/3 cup buttermilk

2 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

3 medium bananas

2 cups all-purpose flour

¼ tsp. baking soda

1/8 tsp. salt

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine sugar, butter, buttermilk, eggs, and vanilla. Beat at medium speed until creamy. Add bananas. Mix well. Add flour, baking powder, salt. Mix in blueberries. Spoon into muffin tins lined with paper cups. Bake 25-30 minutes. Remove from pan and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar. Yield: 20.

LETTER FROM RAY AND EILEEN (BRUDOS) WEICK

September 25, 1997

Dear Robert,

We were traveling around in the Midwest again this summer but timing wasn't right to make the Griswold Reunion. Dog Agility Nationals were in Cleveland, OH the 2nd week in July so had to make that with Ray and Meaghan, our dog.

Then attended the Nordic Fest in Decorah, IA (which was wonderful!!) the end of July. I'm ½ Norwegian so doing genealogical research along the Brudos and Peterson lines. Lots of family in WI and Brudos family reunion which I had never attended was the 2nd Sunday in August near Viroqua, WI.

We didn't get back to Tucson until Sept. 10 and been busy trying to catch up with all sorts of things.

Imagine our surprise when we watched PBS last week—we saw a familiar person showing chickens at a PA fair. Ray said: "I know that guy! Right, it's Bob Powell." Certainly didn't know you were an expert on chickens. Anyway it was a very interesting show with some highly unusual chickens. Martha Stewart really has a hand in everything.** Now I'm related to a TV star also. You did a good job!!"

The Weicks live at 2737 East 21st Street, Tucson, AZ 85716.

** Martha Stewart was Robert Powell's guest at the May 3, 1997 Spring Show of the Central Pennsylvania Avian Club in Bloomsburg, PA. During that visit, footage was shot for a 30-minute *Martha Stewart Living* television show that was originally broadcast on 09-18-1997 and rebroadcast twice thereafter. Four

Griswolds (Robert Powell, Donald Powell, Donald Powell II, and Peg Winter), plus a lot of exhibition poultry, appear in this program.

ADDRESSES NEEDED

The announcements of the 1997 Griswold Reunion that were mailed out on July 29, 1997 to the following people were stamped "undeliverable" by the post office and returned to the Secretary:

Mary Tyler

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Loomis

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Knapp

Ms. Kathleen N. Caviston

Does anyone have the correct mailing address for any of those people?

THE INTERNET

Many members of the Griswold family have access to the Internet.

The address of the Griswold Family Association of America on the Internet is:

<http://griswoldfamily.org>

The co-presidents of the Griswold Family Association of America can be reached at the following email addresses:

Barbara Ryan:

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Fort Griswold (CT) has a homepage:

<http://www.uconnect.net/~histna/ct/revwar/ftgriswold/griswold.html>

Another useful website is that of Family Treemaker Online:

<http://www.familytreemaker.com>

1998

92nd GRISWOLD REUNION

August 15, 1998

Moosic Grange Hall, Waymart, PA

The following persons signed the register at the 92nd annual Griswold Reunion, held in the Moosic Grange Hall, R. D., Waymart, PA: Bernice Curtis Dolan, Francis Curtis, Clarence E. Loomis, Gertrude Loomis Schaffer, Carol and Clark Warner, Bea McGurrin, Mary Savokinas, Ray Savokinas, Rachel and Scott Savokinas, Wendy Kille, Candice Kille, David and Deborah Bedey, Mary Zollbrecht, Glen and Sue Johnson, Bob and LaVerne Kuhn, Gloria Johnston, Janet Mann, Jane Shaffer McNulty, Chuck McNulty, Joe Barham, Kathryn Forster, Gordon and Louise Hawley, Doris Howell, Helen Powell, Judy Blair, Minna Blair, John and Amy Rude, S. Robert Powell.

Covered-dish dinner served at noon, followed by annual business meeting, John Rude, President.

NOTES FROM THE 1998 BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting called to order by John Rude, president. Welcome by John

Rude, who asked all to make sure they signed the register.

Robert Powell, secretary, asked for all additions and corrections to the mailing list and the complete list of descendants of John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold. Robert also made available copies of most of the back issues of the *Griswold Reunion Newsletter*.

At the secretary's request, Clarence Loomis showed the group the beautiful black walnut box that he made in which to store genealogical papers and his copy of the monumental Loomis genealogy by Elias Loomis, LL.D. (*The Descendants of Joseph Loomis, who came from Braintree, England, and settled in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1639*. Second Edition. Revised and Enlarged. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor, 221 State Street, 1875).

Robert introduced and welcomed to the reunion Janet Mann, co-president, together with her sister, Barbara Ryan, of the Griswold Family Association of America.

Janet Mann: "I'm delighted to be here. I've brought with me the GFA website: www.Griswoldfamily.org. My sister, Barbara Ryan, is webmaster.

Janet then showed the group the webpage and invited us to contribute text and photos for the website. Robert said that he would get together some material.

Janet announced that the Michael and Ann Griswold memorial stone was dedicated last October in the Wethersfield (CT) Old Burying Ground. A specific burial site for Michael and Ann Griswold has never been found. Janet showed photos of the memorial headstone, which is of Pennsylvania black slate.

Janet also showed photos that were taken at the GFA reunion last October of the Griswoldville chapel.

At Robert's request, Janet explained to the group the relationship between the Griswold boys (one of whom is Michael, our direct ancestor) who were once thought to be brothers. Janet Mann: "Michael was not a brother. Matthew and Edward are half brothers. Francis was a cousin. Michael is the youngest son of a cousin of Edward and Matthew's father."

Janet added: "We've also learned from our GFA genealogist, Bob French, that Michael's father was religious zealot who believed that any contact with the outside world was dangerous for his family. So he walled up everybody in his house and he had food delivered through a slot in the doorway. Illness eventually struck and several family members died. The town authorities finally broke in and Michael, the youngest, was brought out alive, and fostered with a family nearby—not a Griswold family—and then came to America with that family."

Janet reported that the Michael and Ann Griswold Memorial is about half paid for. Robert commented that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswolds had a reasonable amount of money in the treasury and suggested that we donate at least \$100 to the Michael and Ann

Griswold memorial fund. It was regularly moved (Mary Zollbrecht) and seconded that we donate at least \$100 to the Michael and Ann Griswold memorial fund. The motion carried.

Janet announced that the annual meeting of the GFA will be held this year on October 2-4 at Seneca Falls, NY. She went over the schedule for the meeting and invited all to attend. (In even-numbered years, the GFA holds a 3-day reunion; in odd-numbered years, it holds a 1-day reunion in the Wethersfield area.)

Robert: "Maybe we, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswolds, should think about sponsoring another national GFA meeting here in Pennsylvania in a few years?"

Janet: We would be delighted to come back here again. The GFA meeting here in 1996 was very nice."

Gordon Hawley reported that he went out to South Dakota in 1937 with his grandfather, Francis Curtis, to visit. Carrie Loomis and Gordon's parents (Clistia Belva Curtis and Gordon Grant Hawley) also went. Gordon has a journal, with photographs, of that trip.

Gordon and Louise Hawley collect Griswold ironware. Louise showed the group an iron mold in the form of a seated lamb. She also showed a breadstick pan, a size "O" frying pan, and a trivet. Gordon Hawley: "Watch out for reproductions of Griswold ironware. There's a lot of it out there. It's made in Taiwan. Sam and Joan Curtis have a fake Griswold frying pan that bought. They keep it as an object lesson.

The annual "passing of the hat" took place under the direction of John Rude and Francis Curtis.

Amy Rude remarked that Robert Powell had done a lot of work to make the reunion a reality this year and suggested that Robert be given a round of applause for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Griswold Reunion. Robert thanked the group for their appreciative applause and invited the Griswold Reunion to meet next year at the Homestead Golf Course, Carbondale. The group accepted the offer.

Next year's Griswold Reunion will be held at the Homestead Golf Course on August 14.

With no further business to conduct, the business meeting was adjourned.

1998 SUPERLATIVES

Oldest Person Present: Minna Blair, 93 8/12ths

Youngest Person Present: Karis Alice Bedey, born 10-03-1995

Family with Most Members Present: Stiles (13 members here)

Traveled Longest Distance to Get to Reunion: Clarence Loomis, 235 miles. Clarence remarked: Deborah, David, and Karis Bedey are here this year from West Point. David is a lieutenant colonel in the army and teaches space physics at West Point. Last year the Bedeys lived in Alaska, and if they had been here then, their distance would have been the greatest." SRP: "Yes, and then we have

Gordon and Louise Hawley, who are here from Lillian, Alabama."
Shortest Distance: John and Amy Rude, 1.5 miles

PHYLLIS AND CURTIS BRUDOS

On 07-26-1998, Phyllis and Curtis Brudos sent in the following note to the Secretary:

"We held the first reunion of the family of Pearl Curtis Brudos and Ernest Lewis Brudos on July 4, 1998 at Lake City, South Dakota. There were about 75 people in attendance, coming from Colorado, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Washington, Pennsylvania, Arizona, New York, California, and Massachusetts."

NOVEMBER 1998 LETTER

Here is the text of the letter that was sent by the Secretary to all members on November 26, 1998 (Expenses: printing, \$53.70; envelopes, \$3.49; postage, \$57.60; total, \$115.67). We reproduce it here, just for the record.

GRISWOLD NOTES

November 26, 1998

Dear Griswold Cousins:

Thanksgiving. It's one of my favorite holidays, primarily because it makes me feel very connected to the earth and to the colonial Griswolds and to bedrock America.

They were amazing people, those Griswold ancestors of ours, and we should all give thanks, every day of our lives, that those Griswold ancestors of ours, and all the other colonial Americans and pioneers, had the courage, fortitude, compassion, and faith that they did. What a precious legacy they gave us!

It's been a good year for the Clinton Township Griswolds. We had a very enjoyable reunion in the Moosic Grange Hall in Waymart on August 15, and were very pleased that Janet Mann and her family were able to attend. As you will recall, Janet is the president of the Griswold Family Association of America.

During the business meeting following the covered-dish dinner, Janet spoke about the GFA's website on the Internet and invited us, the Clinton Township Griswolds, to submit information to be included there. Accordingly, I got together some information about us and our annual reunions and sent it, electronically, to Janet and her sister, Barbara Ryan, who manages the GFA's website.

To make a long story very short, we're now on the Internet. Go to your computer or to a friend's computer, or to a computer in a public library, and go to the following address on the Internet:

<http://www.Griswoldfamily.org>

The Griswold Family Association's home page will appear before you. Click on

PENNSYLVANIA REUNION

and you will see lots of information about and photos of Clinton Township Griswolds! These photos were taken at this year's reunion by Janet Mann. There are nine photographs:

1. The Moosic Grange Hall has been the site of most reunions since March 22, 1906
2. President John Rude discussing the Judson Curtis house in Aldenville where P. Bliss wrote the famous hymn "Almost Persuaded"
3. Minna Olver Blair, age "93 and three-quarters," winner of "oldest person in attendance," and daughter Judy
4. Group Secretary S. Robert Powell displays his listing of all known descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold
5. Clarence Loomis shows his extensive collection of Loomis genealogical materials and the beautiful wooden box he made to hold his papers
6. S. Robert Powell displays an unusual piece of Griswold Iron Ware collected by Gordon and Louise Hawley
7. Reunion attendees gather for a group picture
8. Moosic Grange Hall, site of the 1988 Reunion
9. Francis Curtis of Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswolds also serves a Director for the Griswold Family Association

There we are, for the whole world, for anyone with Internet access! It's all quite remarkable.

You'll also recall that at this year's Reunion, we voted to donate "at least \$100, more if we can" to the Michael Griswold Memorial Fund. Well, as it turns out, we're in pretty good shape financially, so we donated \$200 to the fund on September 15, 1998. In case you've forgotten, it's through Michael Griswold that we connect to the early Griswolds of Wethersfield, CT.

Here is a very informative and useful paragraph of information about those early Griswolds from the GFA webpage:

"The half-brothers Edward and Matthew [Griswold] came to North America in 1639, and settled in Windsor, Connecticut. Francis, who may have been a cousin to Edward, was baptized 10th January, 1605/6 at Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire. He came to North America in 1636 and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Michael [to whom the Griswolds of Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA trace their line] appears to be a fourth cousin once removed to Edward and half-brothers Matthew and Thomas. Their common ancestor would be John Greswold, Esq., born c. 1440. Research is still in progress. Watch for announcement of a new publication, *Ten Generations in England*, which is in the final stages of preparation."

The headquarters of the Griswold Family Association of America are located in the Michael Griswold house in Wethersfield, CT. An engraving of the house appears on the GFA webpage. The original part of the house, which dates from the seventeenth century, belonged to Michael and Ann Griswold; significant additions and improvements to the house were made in 1730 by their son Michael, to whom the house and land were left by his father, possession to be taken after the death of his mother.

Here is some background information on the

**Michael and Ann Griswold
Memorial Stone:**

- Michael was one of the three original Griswold emigrants to America and owned property in Wethersfield, CT before 1640. The GFA owns and maintains an historic house in Wethersfield, CT, the original part of which was built in 1630 and once belonged to Michael Griswold. A grave site for Michael and his wife Ann has never been found.
- The GFA Executive Board voted in 1994 to sponsor a memorial headstone project in honor of Michael Griswold (d. 1684) and his wife, Ann. The memorial to be in the Ancient Burying Grounds of the First Church of Christ, Wethersfield, CT. (In 1990 the Griswold Family Association dedicated a memorial headstone in the Indian River Cemetery, Clinton, CT, to Edward Griswold (1607-1690) and his wife, Margaret.)
- Casimir Michaelezyk, who designed the Edward Griswold memorial, was commissioned by the GFA to design the Pennsylvania blackslate stone Michael Griswold Memorial, the project to cost \$2,200 to \$2,500.
- The Michael Griswold Memorial Stone was installed and dedicated at the GFA reunion in October 1997 in Wethersfield, CT. The Reverend John Griswold did the dedication and two children from the Michael Griswold line unveiled the stone. As you will recall, Janet Mann showed us photos at this year's reunion in Clinton Township of the dedication and unveiling of the Michael Griswold Memorial Stone. A memorial publication on Michael Griswold was issued, in which the names of the donors to the memorial fund are listed, including the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion. The total cost of the stone was about \$3,200. About two-thirds of the funds have been raised. A report on the fund drive for the Michael Griswold Memorial Stone will be published in the next GFA *Bulletin*.

A note on this past October's annual meeting of the GFA: In her e-mail to me on October 7th, Barbara Ryan reported: "We had a very nice annual meeting in Seneca Falls and enjoyed John and Amy Rude's company and contributions!"

[On 09-20-98, Janet Mann acknowledged receipt of the \$200 donation that the Clinton Township Griswolds gave to the Michael Griswold Memorial Fund. In her e-mail message, Janet states: "Thanks for your very generous donation. I will be sure to announce it at our meeting on October 3, and I hope your group's example inspires some others in the Michael line to contribute. . ."]

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS NOW.**

At the head of the third page of photos and text about the northeastern Pennsylvania Griswolds on the GFA webpage is the following announcement:

"The 93rd [Northeastern Pennsylvania] Griswold Reunion will be held at the Homestead Golf Course, Carbondale, PA, on August 14, 1999."

The Homestead Golf Course is owned and operated by Donald W. Powell and his son Donald. At next year's reunion, Donald has announced that there will be a

**GRISWOLD GOLF
TOURNAMENT.**

Details on next August's reunion will be announced on the GFA webpage and through announcements (on paper) from the secretary of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion, S. Robert Powell.

These are exciting times in which to live. Given the speed and the instantaneity that seem to characterize everything that we do these days, it's really quite wonderful that we, as the Griswold family, can trace our roots back five or six hundred years.

Sincerely,

S. Robert Powell
Secretary, Northeastern Pennsylvania
Griswold Reunion
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PHILIP P. BLISS

From Glenn Wilmarth's history of Aldenville, we learn that P. P. Bliss composed and wrote the hymn "Almost Persuaded" in the Judson Curtis house (later owned by Arch Kennedy; Lloyd and Regina Kennedy live there now) in Aldenville. This is a fact that Glenn Wilmarth learned from his mother and father, who attended the meetings that P. P. Bliss was holding in the Clinton Center Church at the time. Mrs. Wilmarth heard P. P. Bliss sing "Almost Persuaded" the very night after he composed it.

Glenn Wilmarth remarks on the truthfulness of that assertion as follows: "Mr. Anson Manaton's father, if alive, would tell you this is a fact, because Anson's father, Edmond, was choirmaster. Mr. Manaton had a wonderful tenor voice."

Glenn Wilmarth had the honor of being invited to draw in pastel the picture illustrating the P. P. Bliss hymn "Let the Lower Light Be Burning" at the memorial exercises, attended by 12,000 persons, held at Rome, PA for P. P. Bliss, while Homer Rodeheaver played that hymn on the slide trombone.

P. P. Bliss wrote "Hold the Fort" upon learning about the heroic stand taken by General Corse at Allatoona Pass on October 5, 1864. At that time, General William Tecumseh Sherman, from the top of Kennesaw Mountain, northwest of Atlanta, sent the following message to General John Murray Corse: " Hold out. Relief is coming." General Corse replied: "I am short a cheekbone and an ear, but am able to whip all hell yet."

At the 1998 Griswold Reunion, Gordon and Louise Hawley reported that they attended the 160th annual P. P. Bliss day in Rome, PA, and that there were 300-400 people present. P. P. Bliss, who died at the age of 39, wrote over 300 hymns and other songs. During their day at Rome, the Hawleys heard P. P. Bliss's "Almost Persuaded" played on the composer's own flute, which he received in payment for writing his very first hymn.

**REVEREND HENRY
CURTIS**

For years and years, Alice (Curtis) Lund—and a lot of other family members—sought to answer the question: Where is the Rev. Henry Curtis buried.

Quite a lot was is known about his life and ministry but, until recently, no one seemed to know where his earthly remains were interred. And Alice looked and looked: at Clinton Center, at Aldenville, at Bethany, elsewhere. Nothing.

At the time of her death on October 21, 1995, Alice (Curtis) Lund had still not found the grave of her distinguished ancestor—and she never stopped looking.

Alice's earthly remains were interred in the Glen Dyberry Cemetery, Honesdale, in her family plot.

The Rev. Gordon H. Curtis (Box 2327, Arizona City, AZ 85223) was also looking. In July 1997, he wrote to Donald and Robert Powell. Here are the first two paragraphs of his letter:

"I've been engaged for some 27 years in researching my Curtis family, beginning with the emigrant Henry Curtis. Then a year ago, I was given a copy of your fine work on the Griswold family, which included a long line of Curtises. It was a fabulous find for me, as you might imagine. Your data starts with the second Henry Curtis; mine starts with the first.

"My search took me three generations into England. The emigrant Henry had twelve children, ten of which came here about 1802. My researches covered eight of these children, but I was against a wall on the four orphaned children in 1812, when Henry and Alice died in Butternuts. Suddenly, from your work I could identify the youngest child

(born within a few months of their sailing) as REV. HENRY CURTIS. From that point, thanks to your work, my Curtis files exploded. . ."

The search continued. On Labor Day in 1997, the Rev. Gordon Curtis was roaming the Wayne County countryside, looking for his ancestor's gravestone. With unimaginable good fortune, he happened upon the stone in the Glen Dyberry cemetery which, MOST IRONICALLY, is the very cemetery in which the earthly remains of Alice (Curtis) Lund are interred!

In death, then, Alice found her long-lost ancestor, the Rev. Henry Curtis. It's a wonderful story.

At the 1998 Griswold Reunion, John Rude reported that during the winter of 1997-1998, he and Amy went with Ray and Eileen Weick to see the Rev. Gordon Curtis and spent a very pleasant day visiting with him. On January 26, 1998, John Rude phoned the Powells and shared the news about the discovery of the burial site of the Rev. Henry Curtis.

Gordon and Louise Hawley provided this background information at the 1998 Griswold Reunion on the Rev. Henry Curtis: "The two oldest sons of Alice and Henry Curtis, the parents of the Rev. Henry Curtis, came to the United States in 1807, with \$4,000 cash in hand, and bought property in the Butternuts Valley, NY. In 1810, Alice and Henry Curtis and the rest of the family came to America. A few months of each other, Alice and Henry Curtis died, in 1812, and are buried in Gilbertsville, NY. They were survived by four minor children, the youngest of whom was the Rev. Henry Curtis."

This discovery of the Rev. Henry Curtis's grave site by the Rev. Gordon Curtis became the subject of a full-page article ("Reverend finds Curtis link in Wayne" by Peter Becker) in the Thursday, April 16, 1998 issue (p. 5) of *The Wayne Independent*.

The article, which is reprinted in this issue of the *Griswold Reunion Newsletter* on page 14, is filled with interesting Curtis information. The 3 photos in the article (a likeness of Rev. Henry Curtis and a photograph of his tombstone; also a photo of the Rev. Gordon Curtis) are not reprinted herein.

If you would like to visit the Rev. Henry Curtis's grave, it is located, we learn from John Rude, near the Cliff Street entrance (usually locked) to the Glen Dyberry cemetery in Honesdale.

GREETINGS FROM INDIA

Dorothy Graham, like her parents before her, is a seasoned international traveler. I'm not exactly sure where she is at present, but I do know (from e-mail messages received) that a year or so ago she was traveling in Central America—and then to India.

At the Joint Reunion in 1996, Dorothy and her first cousin, Eleanor Rude (daughter of Laura A. Loomis and Walter F. Rude), and the Powell family had a grand visit. It would be very nice

to have Dorothy speak about her recent travels at an upcoming Griswold Reunion.

Dorothy is the daughter of Nettie E. Loomis and Dr. John Edgar Graham, both of whom were missionaries to China. Dorothy's mother's paternal grandmother was Laura Griswold, who married Hiram Pease Loomis on May 20, 1846 in Aldenville, PA.

THE TREASURY

Current balance as of 19 February 1998: \$846.30

CLINTON TOWNSHIP GRISWOLDS IN GFA BULLETIN

On page 2 of the Winter 1998 (Number 116) *Griswold Family Bulletin*, there is a photo of and story about the August 15, 1998 Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion. There is also an announcement of the 1999 reunion given.

Special thanks to Janet Mann and Barbara Ryan for this publicity about "us" in the *GFA Bulletin*.

**1999
93rd GRISWOLD REUNION
August 14, 1999
Homestead Golf Course,
Carbondale, PA**

Copies of the 2-page Griswold Reunion questionnaire / 1999 reunion announcement were mailed to all persons on the mailing list (\$59.40) on July 2, 1999.

To date, we have received completed questionnaires and/or financial donations to the Griswold Reunion from the following people:

- Mary Zollbrecht
- Janet Mann (\$)
- Douglas and Helen Blair (\$)
- Patricia Peltz (\$)
- Ray and Marie Savokinas (\$)
- Claude Manaton (\$)
- Rose Blair Shatterly
- Robert and LaVerne Kuhn (\$)
- Marjorie and Gerry Cook (\$)
- Germaine DeWolfe Endres (\$)
- Esther Forsberg family
- Frank and Cynthia LaRosa
- Beatrice and Martin McGurrin (\$)
- Minna Blair (\$)
- Gordon and Louise Hawley (\$)

Total donations received: \$200.

GERMAINE ENDRES

We have had many interesting communications with Germaine DeWolfe Endres in the course of the past year about Griswold history.

Germaine's paternal grandmother was Grace Isabella Corey (m. John Lewis DeWolfe), who was the youngest of the five children of Elizabeth Jane Curtis (1852-1913) and Albert Corey.

Elizabeth Jane Curtis was Edith

Gardner's mother's sister, and Edith Gardner frequently spoke of how much she and her sister Gertrude enjoyed going up to "Aunt Lizzie's," in Union Dale, especially on the Fourth of July, "to get away from all the commotion and whistle blowing in the Carbondale rail yard on America's birthday."

Germaine and her husband Timothy Endres live at 7723 Chatfield Lane, Ellicott, City, MD 21043. We are pleased to welcome Germaine and Tim (if he can get off from work) and Germaine's parents, James and Agnes DeWolfe, to the reunion here today at the Homestead Golf Course.

CLAUDE MANATON

On July 12, 1999, Claude Manaton sent in the 1999 Griswold Reunion questionnaire with updated information about the Manaton family.

He also sent an "11 generation set of pedigree charts, beginning with our ancestor, Michael Griswold, and extending back to Radolphus Greswold of Solihull, Warwick, England, who was born approximately 1279."

If you would like to get a copy of these charts, contact either (1) Claude Manaton at 2965 N.W. 154th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006. or (2) S. Robert Powell at R. D. 1, Box 40, Carbondale, PA 18407-9706.

Claude's maternal grandmother was Leah Stiles, who married Ira Charles Wright.

These genealogical discoveries by Claude Manaton trace the line back over 150 years further than the GFA has traced the line. GFA records trace the family line back to John Greswold, Esq., who was born c. 1440.

E-Mail from S. Robert Powell to Claude Manaton, 07-22-1999:

Dear Claude:

This morning I sent you a thank-you note, by surface mail, for your check to the Griswold Reunion and for the eleven-generation set of pedigree charts.

This afternoon, as I continue to prepare for this year's Griswold Reunion, I came across a reference in a text [Glenn Wilmarth's "History of Aldenville"] to Anson and Edmond Manaton of Aldenville (PA). [See the article on P. P. Bliss on page 8 in this issue of the *Griswold Reunion Newsletter*.] I will send a copy of that text to you this afternoon by surface mail.

srobertpowell@juno.com

E-Mail from Claude Manaton to S. Robert Powell, 07-30-1999:

Dear Robert
I received the information you sent me regarding Anson and Edmond Manaton. They are related to me as every Manaton who ever lived in Wayne County is. They all descend from Charles Manaton who arrived from Helland, Cornwall, England on July 4, 1835, and settled on

property near Haines and bordering what is now Long Pond. The last known owner of the remaining property was the Slish family. Charles was accompanied by his family including his father-in-law Henry Hawken who is buried in the old glass factory cemetery on Dyberry hill. The Edmond Manaton mentioned in Glenn Wilmarth's account is Charles Manaton's third son and a brother to William Manaton who is my great grandfather. It is worthy to note that William Manaton was instrumental in building the Aldenville Methodist Church and there is a large stained glass window on the North side with a memorial insert containing his name. Thanks for the information. I am preparing the family group sheets for the Griswolds and will send them by separate cover when completed.

Regards
Claude

FAMILY GROUP SHEETS

On July 31, 1999, Claude Manaton sent the family group sheets for our Griswold ancestors in the ten generations before Michael Griswold—from George Griswold back to Radolphus Greswold. These data sheets contain a lot of genealogical information about our Griswold ancestors and we are very pleased to have these sheets for our archives.

**CLINTON CENTER
PIONEER DAY 1992**

The last of the Clinton Center Pioneer Days celebrations organized by the late Alice Curtis Lund and by Donald and Robert Powell took place on August 23, 1992. The celebration was an integral component of the morning worship service in the Clinton Center Baptist Church, the Rev. Richard R. Thomas, pastor.

During the "historical" portion of the service, Donald W. Powell presented a brief history of the Clinton Center Baptist Church and the Pioneer Days celebrations that have been held in Clinton Township. Alice Curtis Lund spoke on her ancestor, Rev. Henry Curtis. S. Robert Powell spoke on John Griswold.

Following the singing of "The Church's One Foundation" by the congregation, Alice Lund closed the historical section of the service with some "Sense and Nonsense," wise and witty observations about a wide variety of topics.

**MEDIEVAL ENGLISH
TITHE BARN**

The barn on the hill at the Russell Homestead, Carbondale, is the only remaining barn on the property, where, at one time, there were four. It's also a very old peg barn, the interior of which is very cathedral-like. It seems very similar in construction to—but surely is not—a tithe barn, such as the English built in the Medieval period.

To learn more about old barns, I recently purchased a copy of a very interesting 96-page book by James W.

Griswold titled *Medieval English Tithe Barns*. James Griswold is now retired, after serving as an administrator at both the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Phillips Exeter Academy. The book costs \$15 and can be ordered from Peter E. Randall, publisher, Box 4726, Portsmouth, NH 03802.

There was a small yellow post-it sticker attached to the order form that bore the following message: "If you will attach this sticker to your check, we will also send you a copy of our booklet *Our Griswold Family in England before 1639* at no extra charge."

I attached the sticker to my order and now I have a copy of *Our Griswold Family in England before 1639*, a 43-page publication that appears to be very interesting (although I have not yet had the time to examine it in detail).

INA SQUIRE

Doris Howell phoned the Powells on May 9, 1999 to say that Ken and Jean Morse (5267 Hilltop Drive, Villa Risn, GA 30180 770-836-0403) had been in Clinton Township and attended the morning worship service in the Clinton Center Baptist Church and that they were interested in information on the Squire/Woodmansee families.

Robert Powell sent some family history information by "snail" mail (as mail delivered by the U. S. Postal Service is called these days) on July 23rd. On July 29, Jean Morse sent an e-mail (pkmorse@avana.net) response.

What a pleasant surprise to learn that Jean Morse is a granddaughter of Ina Squire! Helen Powell's mother, Ora Loomis Russell, and Jean Morse's grandmother, Ina Squire Birdsong, were first cousins.

What does this have to do with the Griswolds? Well, as it turns out, Ora Loomis Russell's paternal grandmother was Laura Griswold, who married Hiram Pease Loomis.

Ina Squire's father, Hilon Deroy Squire, and Ora Russell's mother, Mary Emma Squire, were two of the children of Alvin R. Squire and Amy Susan Woodmansee.

About fifteen years ago, Robert Powell made quite a number of inquiries in the Saint Louis, Missouri area, where Hilon Deroy Squire settled, in an effort to locate a descendant of Hilon Deroy Squire who was interested in family history. No luck.

Jean Morse is very interested in Squire/Woodmansee family history and already we have learned a lot of new information. We look forward to sharing family information.

The moral of the story, I guess, is this: When it comes to doing family history—or anything, for that matter—hang in there, and never give up hope!

GRISWOLD CAST IRON
Selected Bibliography

Griswold Cast Iron. Volume I, 1997-1998. Over 1,000 items listed, pictured, and priced: pans, skillets, stoves, ashtrays, bowls, griddles, toys,

waffle irons, pattern numbers, etc. Paperback, 184 pages. \$19.95

Griswold Cast Iron. Volume II. 1998-1998. No duplicates of Volume I. Paperback, 136 pages, 32 in full color. \$19.95

Griswold and Wagner by Smith. 1995-1996. Paperback, 320 pages, over 900 black and white and color photos. \$29.95.

Griswold Mfg. Co., 1918 Catalogue. Reprint. Hundreds of items illustrated, with descriptions, sizes, etc. \$12.00.

Griswold Muffin Pans, 1997. Paperback, 160 pages, 237 color photos and 226 black and white photos. Descriptions, numbers, dates, rarity, etc. \$29.95.

Those four books, and others on cast iron, can be purchased over the Internet:
www://the-forum.com

POETIC INTERLUDE

Andrew Marvell 1621–1678

TO HIS COY MISTRESS

Had we but world enough, and time,
This coyness, lady, were no crime
We would sit down and think which way
To walk, and pass our long love's day.
Thou by the Indian Ganges' side
Shouldst rubies find: I by the tide
Of Humber would complain. I would
Love you ten years before the Flood,
And you should, if you please, refuse
Till the conversion of the Jews:
My vegetable love should grow
Vaster than empires, and more slow;
An hundred years should go to praise
Thine eyes and on thy forehead gaze;
Two hundred to adore each breast,
But thirty thousand to the rest;
An age at least to every part,
And the last age should show your heart.
For, lady, you deserve this state,
Nor would I love at lower rate.
But at my back I always hear
Time's wingèd chariot hurrying near;
And yonder all before us lie
Deserts of vast eternity.
Thy beauty shall no more be found,
Nor, in thy marble vault, shall sound
My echoing song: then worms shall try
That long preserved virginity,
And your quaint honor turn to dust,
And into ashes all my lust:
The grave's a fine and private place,
But none, I think, do there embrace.
Now therefore, while the youthful hue
Sits on thy skin like morning dew,
And while thy willing soul transpires
At every pore with instant fires,
Now let us sport us while we may,
And now, like amorous birds of prey,
Rather at once our time devour
Than languish in his slow-chapt power.
Let us roll all our strength and all
Our sweetness up into one ball,
And tear our pleasures with rough strife
Thorough the iron gates of life:
Thus, though we cannot make our sun
Stand still, yet we will make him run.
[posthumous, 1681]

Griswold Family Association

Genealogy and history of the Griswold family in America

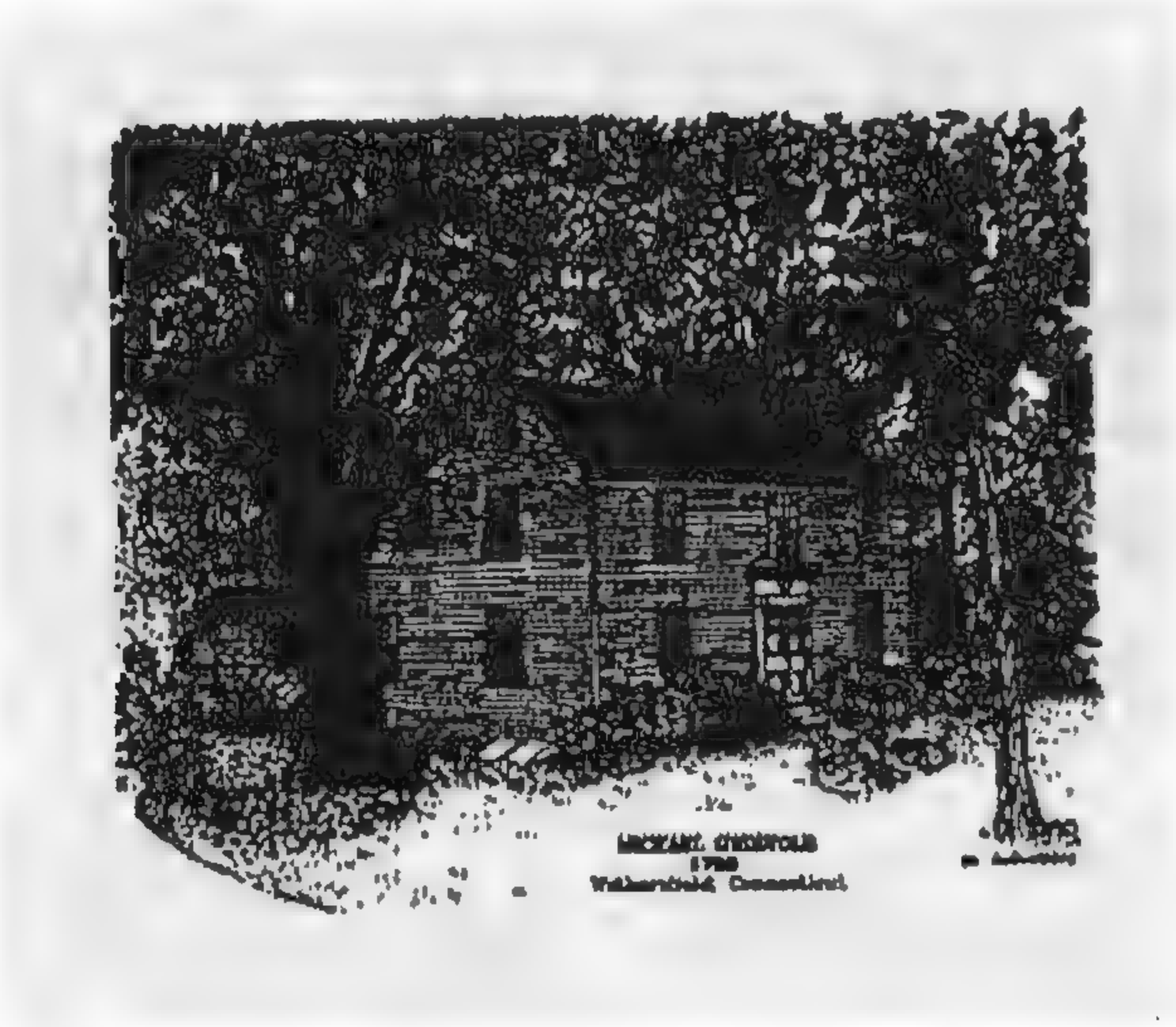
The Griswold Family Association was founded in 1930, to collect, preserve, and disseminate genealogical and historic facts relating to the origin and growth of the Griswold family in America. The GFA has 400 members living in more than 37 states and several foreign countries, and holds Annual Reunions on both the East and West Coasts.

The next GFA Bulletin, Summer 1999 Edition, will be mailed to members in August. This quarterly publication includes articles on Griswold genealogy, information about future meetings, and personal news from GFA members. If you are not already a member, click here for Membership Information, and sign up now!! And plan to attend a meeting of the Griswold Family Association in 1999, or join us in Elko, Nevada, in July, 2000. Check here for registration information now.

August 14, 1999: <u>Annual Meeting</u> , Northeastern PA Griswold Reunion Carbondale, PA (Note - change of date; was originally August 21) Meeting and presentations
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HEADQUARTERS: THE MICHAEL GRISWOLD HOUSE (1730)

The GFA owns and maintains an historic house in Wethersfield, Connecticut. The original house was owned by Michael Griswold; most of the house as it exists today was constructed in 1730 by his son, Michael.



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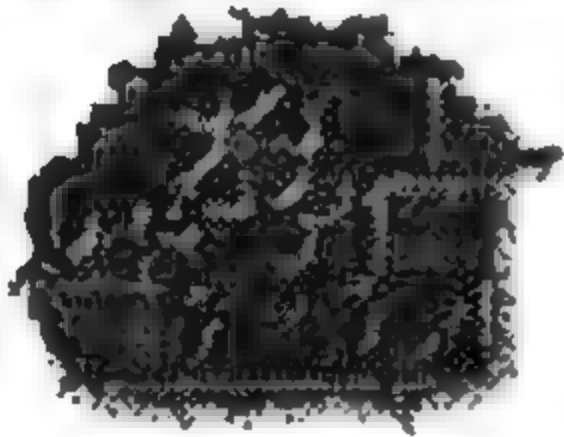


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Early History of the Griswolds in England and North America

The half-brothers Edward and Matthew came to North America in 1639, and settled in Windsor, Connecticut. Francis, who may have been a cousin to Edward, was baptized 10th January, 1605/6 at Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire. He came to North America in 1636 and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Michael appears to be a fourth cousin once removed to Edward and half brothers Matthew and Thomas. Their common ancestor would be John Greswold, Esq., born c. 1440. Research is still in progress. Watch for announcement of a new publication, Ten Generations in England, which is planned publication in late 1999. To order genealogical reference materials, link to: GFA Publications
To subscribe to a Griswold information list on Rootsweb, send an email saying "Subscribe to the following address" to GRISWOLD-L@rootsweb.com; check the website at <http://resources.rootsweb.com/surnames>



Links to other sites of interest to genealogists:

- Griswold Query Page on Genforum
- Family Reunion Index (GFA is listed)
- Family TreeMaker Online
- Compuserve Genealogy Forum
- Ultimate Family Tree; Roots IV; Family Gathering
- The Family History Community, Family Associations

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NOTE: The publication of Volume 1 was delayed many years awaiting research on the English ancestors of Edward, Matthew, Francis, and Michael who migrated to the New World in 1636 or later. Much of the research is now completed and is included in this book.

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THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION

This is an example of the Griswold Coat of Arms. Many versions exist and are changed as family affiliations change. Running greyhounds is the recurring component.
Thanks to Frederick Pratt Griswold III, Coralee Griswold, and Virginia Lake for supplying the graphics.

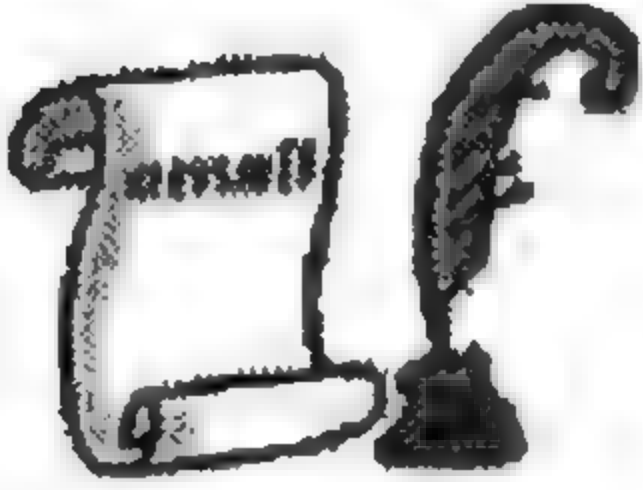


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GFA ACTIVITIES

<u>Annual Reunions</u>	East and West Coast	1-3 days	Visit sites of historic interest to Griswolds
The Griswold Family Bulletin	Quarterly newsletter	115 issues published to date	Included in membership
<u>Genealogical Research</u>	On-going research by three genealogists	Publications on computer database	Available on CD Rom in future
<u>Year 2000 Tour</u>	July, 2000	New - Westward Migration Tour in Elko, Nevada	Visit California Trail, mines, working ranch & more

Hot links to Griswold sites



Do you have a Griswold site we could list here? Email the URL information to: BMNJRyan@aol.com

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http://www.arcent.army.mil/bios/pages/griswold.htm
Estelle Griswold (1900-1981): She led the battle for elimination of Connecticut's anti-birth control statute.
http://www.cwhf.org/browse/inductees/griswold.htm
Political Graveyard:
http://www.potifos.com/tpg/bio/griswold.html
Rufus Wilmot Griswold
http://wsrv.clas.virginia.edu/~wlb6y/bgris.htm
Major Richard S. Griswold: featured character
A movie company is researching Major Richard Sill Griswold of Company C, 9th Infantry, who was killed during the Philippine insurgency on Sept. 28, 1901, in the Balangiga Incident. Visit the Balangiga website at:
http://www.newprint.com/balangiga.htm .
Find out more at our Movie Connection page.

Places:

NEW Major Joseph Griswold House
http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/pwwmh/ma39.htm
Florence Griswold Museum
http://www.flogris.org
Fort Griswold
http://www.revwar.com/ftgriswold or
http://www.imbored.com/new/a0461401.htm
Harvard University building dedicated to U.S.Solicitor General, Erwin Griswold
http://www.fas.harvard.edu/map/Level4/LawSchool/griswold.shtml

Things:

Griswold Cast Iron
http://www.mrpotatohead.net/coinfo.html
Griswold as a First Name
http://www.kabalarians.com/male/griswold.htm
USS Griswold
http://www.sunsite.unc.edu/hyperwar/USN/ships/DE/DE-7_Griswold.html

The Lady Tafel Project

Tracing the female line

In 1991 members of the GFA developed a format to trace genealogical information on the female Griswold line. We know that there are 70 sets of third generation parents (i.e. the grandchildren of the four original immigrants) whose mothers were born Griswolds, but whose names are no longer Griswold. Many of these lines are followed in other family genealogies such as the Parmalee, Phelps, and Colton families. The GFA format is called a **Lady Tafel**, adapted from the *ahnentafel* form produced by NEHGS (The New England Historic Genealogical Society). The Lady Tafel lists only the names in the direct line to the Griswold ancestor given in the GFA publication *The Griswold Family - The First Five Generations in America*

To order this book, click here to go to [GFA Publications](#)
One person's ancestor list, descendant list, and notes on the families represented fits on one page. These are compiled in packets of 10 and can be collected in a binder. Information received on submitted Lady Tafels is input into the extensive GFA database, allowing cross-referencing of valuable data which would otherwise not be available. Lady Tafel's are purchased by individual packet of 10, or by subscription; an index is available.
Coming soon: on-line form for Lady Tafels.
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Griswold Family Association

1999 CALENDAR

August 14, 1999	<u>Annual Meeting.</u> <u>Northeastern PA Griswold Reunion</u>	Carbondale, PA Contact - send email to: srobertpowell@juno.com	Meeting and presentations
September 18, 1999	<u>Annual Meeting.</u> <u>West Coast GFA</u>	Westminster, CA Contact - send email to: PGris7890@aol.cm	Lunch & meeting
October 2, 1999	<u>Annual Reunion.</u> <u>Griswold Family Association</u>	Wethersfield, CT Contact - send email to: r.griswold@snet.net	Annual Business Meeting and activities
September, 2000	<u>Annual Meeting</u> <u>West Coast GFA</u>	West Coast - Location TBA	Lunch & meeting
October, 2000	<u>Annual Reunion</u> <u>Griswold Family Association</u>	Location TBA	Three day Annual Business meeting with tours
July 20-24, 2000	<u>Westward Migration Tour</u>	Elko, NV Contact - send email to: coralee@isat.com	Family Fun in the Wild West

Or Send email inquiries about the meetings to Barbara Ryan at BMNJRyan@aol.com and they will be forwarded to the planners.

A Movie Connection

Major Richard S. Griswold: featured character

A movie company is researching Major Richard Sill Griswold of Company C, 9th Infantry, who was killed during the Philippine insurgency on Sept. 28, 1901, in the Balangiga Incident.

Visit the Balangiga website at:
<http://www.newprint.com/balangiga.htm>

The movie production is delayed, but still in the works; watch for further updates

The producer's original query was posted on our website last year. We received a response from a gentleman who is researching a book on the Balangiga incident; he has a fascinating story to tell. He is also looking for information on Major Richard Griswold's descendants through his siblings, since the major never married. He was the son of Richard S. and Rosa E. Griswold of Old Lyme, CT, and was one of seven siblings.

Another researcher has information about the commotion concerning the Balangiga event in Cheyenne, Wyoming, in connection with church bells brought back to Fort Russell; this was featured in the NY Times and Wall St. Journal.

Another correspondent told us about Daniel Griswold who was also killed in the Philippines during the same time period. He was a POW, rank First Lt., promoted to Major and declared missing in action. Daniel was a graduate of Oklahoma State Univ. and was stationed at Fort Sill, OK and Fort Benning, GA, before being sent to the Pacific.

If you have information concerning this historical period, we will share it with these correspondents!

Griswold Family Association Membership

Membership in the GFA is open to any person whose ancestor or whose spouse's ancestor was surnamed Griswold. Our publications and genealogists can assist you in researching your family connections. Annual membership funds contribute to on-going genealogical research, publications, and special projects. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, and support from staff genealogists when requested.

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Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion

The annual meeting of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion will take place on Saturday, August 14, 1999, at the Homestead Golf Course, R.D.1, Box 40, Carbondale, PA 18407-9706. Registration will begin at 11:00 AM; covered-dish dinner at noon.

Contact - email: srobertpowell@juno.com for more information.

Watch this page for photos and reports after the meeting!

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1999 Griswold Family Reunion, East Coast

The annual meeting of the Griswold Family Association will be held on Saturday, October 2nd, in Wethersfield, CT. The meeting will include a welcome reception, business meeting, luncheon, and afternoon visit to the historic Michael Griswold house.

Wethersfield is the site of many fall activities which will be available for visitors; watch for more information on this page.

Full reunion details will be included in the next GFA Bulletin, to be mailed in August, 1999. Or send email to: rgriswold@snet.net.

Also given on the GFA webpage, but not reproduced here, are:

1. Three-page description of the Western Heritage Tour that will be presented by the GFA on July 20-23, 2000, in Elko, Nevada.
2. Details on West Coast Chapter of GFA meeting on September 18, 1999.
3. Five pages of Genealogical Queries and Responses from Internet users.
4. Eight pages of names listed in the GFA database. Information available on thousands of family names from GFA genealogists and other researchers who have contacted the GFA.

Reverend finds Curtis link

Cemetery marker opens chapter of family history

By PETER BECKER
Independent County Editor

CURTIS VALLEY—There is a hamlet in Clinton Township by the name of Curtis Valley, an appellation honoring a 19th Century minister of the Gospel and his family of hard laboring farmers, in both cases who tilled their respective harvest fields of Wayne. Lately, a distant cousin who is also a minister by the name of Curtis, reveled at finding another branch of his genealogy, that planted in Wayne County.

Rev. Gordon Curtis, who will be 80 on May 1, lives in Arizona City, AZ, with his wife Noreen. He was born in Binghamton, NY, and attained a college education in chemical engineering, and built aircraft engines during World War II. In 1956 he answered the call to the ministry and served churches in New Jersey, New York City and Rochester, NY.

Since retiring in 1984, he has concentrated more on his love for his family, extending his known roots as far back as possibly 1640 in England. His travels and correspondence has been enriching indeed, discovering his family legacy which he hopes to pass on to his four children and four grandchildren, and his "couple hundred relations" he said he has found, all distant but nevertheless actual, cousins.

He said he plans to write a book on the family. "I'm interested in how Wayne County and New York State farmers lived," he added, "We had some outstanding, fine people. No presidents- that's maybe good."

He stated, "My family may one day be interested, and this will be the only record they'll have."

Stumbled upon grave stone

Last September on Labor Day, Rev. Curtis was roaming the Wayne County countryside looking for his ancestor's gravestone, and with unimaginable good fortune, happened upon the stone, belonging to Rev. Henry Curtis (1801-1867), in Glen Dyberry Cemetery, Honesdale. The discovery opened up several new chapters of family history extending far back in Clinton Township. The late reverend was a pioneer Baptist minister in several local churches. In finding the gravestone, Rev. Gordon Curtis said he has been able to link the family in Wayne County to his family line in New York State, all descendants of an English family.

In the 1600s, the Curtises were shepherds in the fields of Leicestershire, about 70 miles northeast of London. The story begins with the marriage of Thomas Curtis and Mary Heiffer on October 22, 1699. Thomas was 22 and a farm laborer; he prospered greatly, eventually owning his farm and being labeled as a gentleman, a man of wealth.

He bequeathed his farm, to his son Joseph Curtis, who went on to own several farms and a lime kiln, making plaster for the estates of English nobles.

Came to America in 1802

One of his farms was passed on to his youngest son, Henry, born Janu-

ary 5, 1754 at Ilston-on-Hill. In 1779, Henry married Alice Broughton, daughter of a wealthy sheep farmer. they had 12 children baptized in the Anglican Church, which still stands. Although Henry owned productive farms, at the age of 48 in 1802, he left behind what appears to have been a secure life, and took his family to the wilderness of a new nation, the United States, braving an eight week voyage by sea.

Of his 12 children, two daughters remained in England and married, the other 10 children ranged from 22 years to an infant of one year. Where they landed is not clear, but the 1810 Census shows that Henry was living on a farm, in Northeast Providence County, Rhode Island.

Oldest son John, 22, was sent on ahead to establish a home for the large family, migrating to New York State. On the way he married Amy Stillman. In 1810, John was raising a farm with younger brother William in Otsego County, NY. About 1811, the elder Henry with the youngest of his 10 children left Rhode Island and joined the Curtis farm in New York. John deeded the farm to his father, and built a second farm stead.

Tragedy struck

Tragedy struck in 1812, when both parents died suddenly, leaving their 10 children orphaned, four of them minors. The infant that arrived in America was Henry Curtis; he remained unidentified until our present day Curtis discovered him in the 1830 Census, as living in Broome County, NY.

Before 1850, this Henry Curtis- the youngest of the 12 born in England- moved to Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and was a Baptist minister.

The eldest- John Curtis, is the great-great-great-great grandfather of Rev. Gordon Curtis, of Arizona. It is therefore through the little brother of this ancestor that Rev. Gordon Curtis found his link to Wayne County's large Curtis progeny.

Saw a revival in Wayne

Rev. Henry Curtis, whose grave stone is in Glen Dyberry, assisted in establishing many churches in Wayne County. He first took the ministry of Bethany Church and established his farm nearby in Dyberry Township. He served both the Clinton Center and Aldenville churches till his death in 1867. In his obituary, it states, "Although of English birth, his attachment to the country of his adoption and his sympathy for our Republican institutions, was of the most thorough and decided character. For nearly 44 years he had been a faithful and successful minister of the gospel of Christ. His conceptions of domestic life were exalted, yet tender, and fully exemplified in the relations of a father."

A life sketch provided by a grandson, G. P. Knapp of Aldenville, recalls that Rev. Henry Curtis was influenced in the love of Jesus by his devoted mother, and at the age of 16, made his own decision to follow Christ. Although apprenticed to be a cabinet maker, in 1824, he became licensed to preach. That year he also married Eliza Banning and lived on a Broome County farm. They had eight children.

A thousand souls baptized

Of his ministry in Wayne County, from 1839 to 1849 he preached half

his time in Damascus; from 1845 to 1857 he chiefly labored for the Lord in Clinton Township. He also preached at Carbondale part of the time during 1849-51 and went back to Bethany, 1853-55. He baptized over 1,000 professed believers. During these years, 75 were added by baptism to the various churches, and in 1854 his four younger children were baptized at the Bethany church.

At Clinton he labored 14 years and enjoyed three general spiritual revivals.

He also preached at Lebanon, Berlin, Ashland, Aldenville, Palmyra, Hawley, Lackawaxen, Barryville and Shohola. In the days of torturous roads, traveled only by horse or on foot, he would cover 35 miles to preach the Gospel. His first sermon in Wayne County was in Clinton.

His last illness was linked to excessive labor and exposure. In his illness, he regretted only that he could no longer labor for Christ; among his last words were, "The first I wish to greet is Jesus, the next day is my mother for she led me to Christ."

The minister willed the farm to his son Eugene. Another son was, Dr. George Boardman Curtis, a well known physician in Hawley in his time. A third son, John Judson Curtis, was Wayne County prothonotary, a teacher and manager of a book store. Eugene Kincaid Curtis took over management of the family farm at Edenville in Clinton Township, a hamlet now inundated by the waters of Prompton Reservoir.

Sketch of Eugene Curtis

The Wayne Independent for Dec. 15, 1911, provided a life sketch of the recently deceased Eugene Curtis. We learn that his father, the minister, baptized Eugene in Glass Factory Pond near Bethany during the winter of 1854; he went on to be deacon in the Baptist Church over 30 years. Her overcame early hardships of palsy, leaving him partially crippled in his feet, and losing one eye to an accident.

He had a remarkable tenor singing voice, conducting singing schools and entertainments in the County. He was also prominent in the temperance movement for many years, and was active in the Prohibition Party, an early attempt to ban liquor production and sales by legislation. Eugene taught about 20 terms of school.

His first wife, Irene Clift, died in 1872 after bearing two children, James and Emma; he remarried to May Stevens, who gave him a son Henry Percy and Bessie May.

Eugene respected his father's wishes in keeping the farm; when he died in 1911, he willed the farm to his son Percy Curtis; Percy kept the farm only a short time before moving to Bethlehem. The property passed out of Curtis hands at about the time the land was condemned for the reservoir.

Hallmarks seen

The first son of Rev. Henry and Eliza Curtis was Henry Banning Curtis, who was deeded his first farm by his parents and later acquired other lands in Curtis Valley. He became a

successful Wayne County farmer, able to give financial aid to his five sons and four daughters for their education. Some descendants of this family still farm in the area. "This family's hallmark was their devotion to church and family," the Arizona descendant penned recently. "The Clinton Center Church was one of their grandfather's parishes and the family carried on that connection to the present time."

When Henry Banning Curtis died in 1907, his property was willed to his wife Louisa; she died in 1912, when the estate was divided among the children. The Curtis homestead went to his youngest daughter Dorothy.

The Curtises were great lovers of music; many were accomplished instrumentalists and vocalists. the later generations of these pioneers have engaged in computer technology and some have pursued graduate college work.

Like a detective

Rev. Gordon Curtis of Arizona said he has spent 27 years tracing his New York families unaware of the many Curtis families that have farmed in Wayne County until he discovered the identity of the Honesdale graves.

His genealogical attempts have been his own initiative, he said, having no family history work passed on to him already completed. There were no oral histories and no living, older relatives to consult. A few fortunate breaks along the way have contributed to what amounts to a detective's trail of hunches, clues and evidence. Two years ago he was researching the 1850 Census data in Broome County, and on a tip, rediscovered the Rev. Henry Curtis who moved to Wayne County, confirming this with a look at Census records at the Wayne County Historical Society. Now he's trying to establish his family connections in England, and was recently mailed photographs of the church his ancestors attended in the 1600's.

He noted that by coincidence, he was ordained to the ministry and was preaching in Rochester, NY, exactly 100 years after Rev. Henry Curtis was stationed behind the pulpit at the Clinton Baptist Church.

Lost grandma, Flood of '42

He was in Wayne County once before, to see his step-grandfather, Frank Stephenson, who had a coal distributorship in Hawley. Gordon's grandmother, Mrs. Frank Stephenson, and great grandmother Mrs. Ida Cook, lived on Welwood Avenue in Hawley, and both perished in the Flood of 1942.

Anyone with questions or information may contact Rev. Gordon Curtis at P.O. Box 2327, Arizona City, AZ 85223.

Rev. Gordon Curtis said he intends to be in New Jersey this July for a family wedding, and hopes to be able to visit the new correspondents he has made, distant Curtis cousins living in Wayne County.

Griswold Reunion Mailing List

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The **Homestead Golf Course**, site of today's *Griswold Open*, is located on Route 106, three miles west of Carbondale. It was designed and constructed by Walter Silas Powell (01-12-1913–04-20-1994) and Russell Thomas Powell (07-22-1946–01-02-1985), son of Walter and Helen (Russell) Powell. It is situated on the James and Margaret (Gillespie) Russell homestead, which was established in 1841 and which has been in the family ever since. In the late 1980s, through the efforts of S. Robert Powell, son of Walter and Helen Powell, the Russell Homestead was officially recognized by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Century Farm.

The Homestead Golf Course opened on May 20, 1962. It was operated by Walter and Helen Powell and Russell Powell until 1987, when it was closed. For the period 1962–1972, there were 9 holes; 1973–1974, 14 holes; 1975 on, 18 holes. On April 27, 1998, Donald W. Powell, son of Walter and Helen Powell, and Donald's son, Donald, reopened the Homestead Golf Course. It is fitting that today's *Griswold Open*, the first ever, should take place on a golf course with direct Griswold connections.

**Minutes of the
Centennial Reunion of the Descendants of
John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold
Wayne County, PA, August 19, 2006**

1906

"The descendants of John and Elizabeth Griswold met and organized as a reunion at the Grange Hall [Moosic Grange 1041] Clinton March 22, 1906. Officers were elected as follows:

John Griswold. President

Fred Griswold. Vice President

Theron Loomis. Secretary

Nathan Griswold. Treasurer.

Collection taken to defray expenses amounting to \$2.25.

Moved and seconded that the third Wednesday in August be the date of the annual reunion, and Grange Hall Clinton be meeting place.

Committees chosen.

First committee being entertainment committee consisting of Henry Corey, Kate Curtis, Rena Griswold Cowperwaite, Henry Corey chairman.

Table Committee: -

Mame Loomis, Clara Griswold Borchers, Clarissa Treat, Mame Loomis as chairman.

Reception committee, Laura Loomis, Louisa Curtis, Cornelia Gaylord, Laura Loomis as chairman.

Number at the first meeting which met in the Grange Hall Clinton being 77.

Next meeting to be held in Grange Hall Clinton August 15, 1906.

T. O. Loomis Sec."

2006

The centennial reunion of the descendants of John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold of Clinton Township, Wayne County, PA took place on Saturday, August 19, 2006.

The organizers of the reunion were John and Amy Rude, Gordon and Louise Hawley, and S. Robert Powell.

The day-long celebration began at 9 A.M., with a coffee hour and reception at the Presbyterian Chapel on Tenth Street in Honesdale.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswolds were very pleased to welcome Sara L. French, president of the Griswold Family Association of America, Inc. to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion.

The following family members signed the guest register: Sara L. French, Darwin Brudos, Eleanor Brudos, Millie Helt, Edward Helt, Sally Helt Ostrom, Judy Margarum, Mary Schermerhorn, Bill Schermerhorn, Jill Linko, Sarah Linko, Greg Linko, Elaine Quigley, Judith Blair, Donna Stiles, Robert Stiles, Craig Stiles, Billy Stiles, Mary

Chopak, Andy Chopak, Robert Geuther, Becky Geuther, S. Robert Powell, Marie Savokinas, Ray Savokinas, John Rude, Amy Rude, Patricia Peltz, Marjorie Wildenberg, Doris Howell Crossman, George Crossman, Dr. Dwight Rude, Linda Rude, Laura Rude, and Philip Rude. Special thanks to Darwin and Eleanor Brudos for taking charge of the sign-in process and for making sure that everyone signed the register.

Welcome folders, prepared by Gordon and Louise Hawley, were distributed to all at the morning reception. Included in the folder were a program of the day's activities and copies of a wide range of interesting Griswold documents and photographs, including, (1) an Edward Griswold descendant chart: Edward-Michael [came to America as a very young boy in a party led by the vicar of St. Peter's Church, Rev. Charles Chauncey]-Thomas-Samuel-John-John-Francis, (2) a map and photographs of important Griswold landmarks in England, (3) historical notes about John Griswold, 1754-1843, and about

the 1920 Clinton Township Griswold Pioneer Day celebration, (4) the Elizabeth Griswold pension application, (5) a chart of the descendants of Henry Banning Curtis and Louisa Griswold and a photograph of them and their descendants that was taken in 1906, (6) a photograph of the Griswold/Curtis Homestead at Curtis Valley, (7) copies of photo copy prints by Donald W. Powell of daguerreotypes of Francis J. Griswold and Jane Loomis, and (8) a photograph by Gordon Hawley of the Louisa Griswold Curtis linen coverlet, which was presented to "the Powell boys" by Edith and Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder, and which was displayed for this photograph at a Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion, circa 1999, by Donald W. Powell I and II and Amy Rude. Special thanks to Gordon and Louise Hawley for preparing these beautiful and very informative welcome folders for the family.

Following the morning reception, the family then boarded a bus (some members of the group followed along in their own cars),

and headed West on Route 6.

As the bus traveled West on Route 6 from Honesdale to Waymart, S. Robert Powell spoke about the celebrated Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's Gravity Railroad from Carbondale to Honesdale, and pointed out portions of that transportation system (which opened on October 9, 1829) which can be seen at the present time from Route 6. At Honesdale the anthracite coal from the Lackawanna Valley and other products were loaded into boats on the D&H Canal, which ran from Honesdale to Rondout on the Hudson River.

Robert pointed out that Locks 13 and 14 on the D&H Canal were named GRISWOLD. Those two locks (Pennsylvania Section, Lackawaxen Division) were 19 miles East of Honesdale in Pike County. The telegraph call for these two locks was "GD." It is not yet known whether or not there is a family connection between the Griswolds who operated these two locks and the Griswold family of Clinton Township. Chances are good, however, that there is a family connection between the two Griswold groups.

(For detailed information on these two locks, see David G. Barber's "A Guide to the Delaware & Hudson Canal, pp. 144, 151-152. The Grinnell family, like the Griswolds, were among the pioneer settlers of Clinton Township. Lock 28 on the New York Section of the D&H Canal, between Port Hyxson and Ellenville, was named "Chris Grinnel's" (see Barber's book, pp. 58, 62-63). Is there a connection between Chris Grinnel--whose surname is probably a spelling variation of "Grinnell"--and the Clinton Township Grinnells?)

As the bus neared Waymart, the 43 windmills (213 feet tall, each with three blades 110 feet long, each windmill equipped with a 1.5 megawatt GE wind turbine that weighs 190 tons and is designed to operate in winds up to 56 mph.) in the Waymart Wind Energy Center (Florida Power and Light Energy) at the summit of the Moosic Mountain came into view.

The first stop on the Griswold bus tour was at the Delaware and Hudson Railroad's steam station in Waymart. Jane Varcoe, the president of the Waymart Area Historical Society, welcomed the Griswold tour to the station, which is located in the back yard of Ms. Varcoe's property. A very interesting and informative tour of the station was

given by Ms. Varcoe.

The second stop on the Griswold tour was at the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's depot in Waymart. Many members of the reunion group walked the two blocks to this second rail station, which is the only extant station on the D&H Gravity system. Jane Varcoe welcomed the tour group to the station, which has recently been beautifully restored, and gave a very interesting talk about the station and the rail system that passed through Waymart in the period 1829-1931.

The bus then headed North on Route 296, the former "Belmont and Easton Turnpike," which is known by many Griswolds as "the North and South."

The third stop by the Griswold Centennial bus was at the Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery, where many Griswolds, including John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold, and a large number of their descendants and their families are interred.

Among the stones visited in the cemetery was the large flint conglomerate stone at the entrance to the cemetery. On this stone, which was unveiled by Laura (Griswold) Loomis and dedicated on August 27, 1915, are given the names of the early settlers of Clinton Township (the name Griswold is the sixth one in the list of 14 names) and the founders and ministers of the Clinton Center Baptist Church. Present at those dedication ceremonies were nearly 400 persons.

The group then visited the two stones on the site where the earthly remains of John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold are interred: the stone marking the graves of John and Elizabeth, as well as the commemorative flint conglomerate stone, with bronze plaque attached, that was erected in 1920 and dedicated on the Clinton Center Pioneer Day that was celebrated on September 4, 1922.

Everywhere in the cemetery were groups of 21st century Griswolds who were visiting the burial sites of members of their particular branch of the larger Griswold family. It was observed that in the Clinton Cemetery, unlike many cemeteries, there is not "an old section" and "a new section." Rather, interments in many of the family plots span the time period from the 1840s to the present, making the Clinton Cemetery very much a "living" cemetery. The Clinton Cemetery is

carefully looked after by Stuart Terrel (president and caretaker) and John Rude (secretary/treasurer).

At about noon, the Centennial Griswold group repaired to the hall on the ground floor of the Clinton Center Church, where turkey, ham, and tuna sandwiches and desserts were served. Arrangements for these refreshments, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all, were made in advance by the Reunion Committee at the Waymart Deli on Route 6 and the refreshments were picked up before the Griswold bus left Waymart on its way to the Clinton Center Cemetery.

Following the luncheon, family members boarded the bus, which continued North on Route 296. As the bus passed the former Moosic Grange 1041 building, Robert pointed to the site at the foot of the mountain up behind the Moosic Grange Hall, where the old road was situated, where the original John and Elizabeth Griswold log cabin was erected following their arrival in Clinton Township about 1810 or 1811.

At Curtis Valley, the bus stopped for a few minutes in front of the Griswold/Curtis Homestead at Curtis Valley. This Homestead was the former Cold Water Tavern, which was constructed in 1819 by Levi Bennett for John Griswold.

The tour then continued North on Route 296 in the direction of Pleasant Mount to the Sherwood Cemetery, which has been beautifully cleaned up and which is maintained by Dwight Hauenstein of Pleasant Mount. Many, but not all, members of the Griswold tour trekked down the dirt road and through the woods to the Sherwood Cemetery, where Orrin and Lois (Deming) Griswold and many members of that branch of the Griswold family are interred.

Many new and important discoveries of Griswold burial sites were made in the course of this visit to the Sherwood Cemetery.

For the record, here are the inscriptions on the stones visited by the Griswold tour:

[triangular shaped, white metal marker, in mint condition, with this inscription]

ORRIN GRISWOLD
Aged 81 yrs. 5 mos.
Died Oct 1, 1877
Our Father

[triangular shaped, white metal marker,
in mint condition, with this inscription]

LOIS DEMING
Wife of
ORRIN GRISWOLD
Died
Feb. 22, 1869
Aged 68 Ys 7 Ms 20Ds
She Tried to Serve the Lord

GRISWOLD
RUFUS GRISWOLD
1827-1907
NANCY MILES
His Wife
1838-1924

RUFUS GRISWOLD
Co B 4
179 PA. INF.

LUIS
Son of
Francis &
Jane Griswold
Died
Jan. 6, 1832
Aged 10 Yrs

HOWELL
Emery A Marion Griswold
1854-1916 1860-1926

BILDAD
Son of
Jason & Sophia Loomis
BORN
Apr. 16, 1817
DIED
Jan. 25, 1874

AARON LOOMIS
Born
May 16, 1790
Died
May 18, 1875

The Griswold centennial group then journeyed, via White's Valley and Bethany, to Honesdale, where they visited the Glen Dyberry Cemetery, which is very large, very old, and very beautiful. Not far from the entrance to the Cemetery, John Rude pointed out the tombstone of Rev. James R. Remsen, who was one of the pioneer ministers of the Clinton Center Baptist Church and whose name is listed on the bronze plaque on the flint conglomerate stone (unveiled and dedicated on August 27, 1915) at the entrance to the Clinton Cemetery.

As the bus continued into the Cemetery, Robert Powell pointed out the location of the tombstone that marks the grave of Alice (Curtis) Lund, who was a very enthusiastic supporter and promoter for many years of Griswold and Clinton Township genealogical and historical activities and programs.

Far into the Cemetery, the bus transporting the centennial Griswold group arrived at the tombstones that mark the graves of Rev. Henry Curtis and Eliza Banning. Robert noted that Edith Gardner and Gertrude (Gardner) Snyder and Alice (Curtis) Lund--and other very dedicated and conscientious Griswolds, now deceased--searched and searched for many years, unsuccessfully, for the burial sites of Rev. Henry Curtis and Eliza Banning. In 1999, Rev. Gordon H. Curtis (Arizona City, AZ) discovered their burial sites in the Glen Dyberry Cemetery, Honesdale. Ironically, Alice (Curtis) Lund died, not knowing that the long-sought-after earthly remains of her ancestors, Rev. Henry and Eliza (Banning) Curtis, are not only interred in Glen Dyberry but also are not far from where the earthly remains of Alice herself were interred following her death on October 21, 1995.

Here are the inscriptions on the Rev. Henry Curtis and Eliza Banning tombstones:

REV. HENRY CURTIS
Died
August 13, 1887
Aged
67 Years.
Loved, Lamented, Blessed

ELIZA BANNING
Wife of
Rev. Henry Curtis
Born
Oct. 19, 1801
Died
May 26, 1879.

The Griswold tour bus then returned to the Presbyterian Chapel in Honesdale, where the bus tour ended. The "Big Bus" that was chartered for the day for the Griswold tour was provided by Walter J. and Nancy J. Garing, Honesdale. The driver for the tour was Amy Savitz, who thoroughly enjoyed her day with the Griswolds and noted on several occasions how interesting and informative the day had been.

Griswold family members then got into their automobiles and traveled to the Fireside Restaurant in Dyberry, where they enjoyed a beautiful dinner buffet (stuffed chicken breast, baked ham).

Before the dinner was served, it was brought to the attention of the Reunion that three members of the group were celebrating their birthdays: Donna (Arnold) Stiles (August 19), Mary (Gustitus) Chopak (August 18), and Marie (Gustitus) Savokinas (August 18). The group sang Happy Birthday to the three birthday celebrants as birthday cupcakes were presented to them. Following the birthday cupcake presentations, Sara French, on behalf of the Griswold Family Association of America, presented to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion a beautifully decorated and delicious "Griswold Centennial Birthday Cake."

Following the dinner, an historical program, under the direction of S. Robert Powell, was presented. To begin the program, Sara French, on behalf of the Griswold Family Association of America, presented the group with a handsome plaque to commemorate the day. Here is the text on the plaque:

In Honor of the
100th ANNIVERSARY
of the
NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA
GRISWOLD REUNION
Descendants of John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold
Wayne County, Pennsylvania Pioneers
1906-2006
Presented by the
GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA, INC.

Following the plaque presentation, Robert Powell read to the group the minutes of the first Griswold Reunion on March 21, 1906. Those minutes are given above as the opening paragraphs of this report.

Robert brought to the attention of the centennial group the fact that the minutes of that first Griswold Reunion (which include the names and ages of the 77 persons in attendance at that organizational meeting) and all of the Reunions since then have been recorded by nine secretaries: Theron Orsemus Loomis, Arthur Hamblin Curtis, Claude Fay Arnold, Flora Lillian (Loomis) Brown, Edith A. Gardner, Rena (Griswold) Cowperthwaite, Carrie Inez (Curtis) Loomis, Margaret (Remsen) Rude, and S. Robert Powell.

"The Griswold name is everywhere, it seems," said Robert. Everyone knows about--and many people collect--Griswold ironware, and there are communities and streets with the name Griswold in many communities in America. Not too long ago, I finished reading Kenneth Silverman's 2003 biography of Samuel F. B. Morse, titled *Lightning Man*. Therein, on page 296, we read the following brief newspaper notice: 'Professor Morse, the lightning man, as he is called, was married on Thursday last, to Miss Sarah E. Griswold, of Louisiana.' "

Darwin Brudos, Schenectady, NY, then read to the group an account, titled "Shredded Wheat Anyone?," that was written by his mother, Pearl Evelyn Curtis, about the family's automobile trip

from South Dakota to Clinton Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania to visit the family "back home" at Curtis Valley. This very interesting and entertaining account about the Curtis family's automobile journey in two Model T. Fords, will soon be published along with additional Curtis family recollections. In the meantime, Darwin Brudos has graciously provided the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion with a copy of the complete text for our archives.

Jeff, from the Fireside Restaurant, then took a photograph of the Griswold Centennial group and provided the Reunion with a paper copy of the photograph. He will do some fine tuning of the original digital photograph and then e-mail an electronic copy of the photograph to the secretary of the Reunion. At that time, electronic and/or paper copies of the group photograph will be available to all interested persons. Copies will also be sent to newspapers and other media along with an account of the Centennial Griswold Reunion in Wayne County, Pennsylvania.

The Secretary noted that many members of the centennial Griswold tour took photographs in the course of the day and asked that family members share their photos of this historic Griswold event. "Perhaps there is a member, either someone who is here today or a Griswold out there in America," said Robert, "who would be interested in coordinating and making available to all interested family members the photographic record of the day's events and activities"?

The Secretary, on behalf of the entire Griswold family, then thanked John and Amy Rude, in particular, for their dedicated and conscientious work in planning the Centennial Reunion. John and Amy Rude were then warmly applauded by all present for all that they did to make the day the wonderful success that it was.

The Secretary reported that all of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion's bills and expenses, including all those relating to the centennial reunion, had been paid and that the balance in the organization's bank account is \$244.73. "With that balance in the account," said Robert, "it will be possible (1) to produce and mail copies of the minutes of the Centennial Reunion to all Griswolds on the mailing list, and (2) to make plans for and announce the 101st Northeastern Pennsylvania Griswold Reunion."

It was unanimously agreed that the descendants of John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold would hold their 101st reunion at noon on the third Saturday of August 2007.

With no additional business to conduct, it was regularly moved (John Rude) and seconded (Pat Peltz) that the Centennial Reunion of the Descendants of John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold, Wayne County, PA be adjourned. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Robert Powell
Secretary



Griswold Family Members at the Centennial Reunion of the Descendants of John and Elizabeth (Crittenden) Griswold, August 19, 2006, at the Fireside Restaurant, Honesdale. Photo by Jeff from the Fireside Restaurant. The names of the persons shown in this photograph are given in the guest register listing on page 1 of these minutes.